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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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August the 2nd 1940
502 So. Main + at Bristol at

Dear Mr J Edgar Hoover

VOLNEY DAVIS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 21 1940
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

I am Volney Davis
as you no he was sent
Alcatraz for life and has
in Prison 15 years this last June he
has been in Alcatraz 15 years this
a clover and he rate to me he
wanted me to write to Mr G.
that not be special agent in Kansas
to have him to write to you for
see if you would cut his time
are sentence to 15 or 20 years but
Mr A & Garland's letter come back
me so I just thought I would
for my self and send you
that it had nothing to do with
any one else.

his mother and are getting along
all he is my Birth day and his
then will be 76 the 20 of September
and is a full mroons and I would
ade for rather one of us to Pass a
day and leave Valney ~~271~~ 271 is
Cataz if I could get any thing
ne he is making good then Has
starving in the Kitchen but he
to me he was going to work in
the Print Shop soon Will you
please reduce his sentence to
years if it lays in your Power you
to Write me if you will and
have no and Write to Valney if
can I will all ways Remember you
you will Help him all you can now
as soon as you can Valney try
Help the Government me all he could
arrested he was tide up with
would get loose from that
the first thing in this case

August the 1940

Dear Mrs Garland I thought
I would write you a gain and as
you told me after my son Volney Davis
had to stay at Alcatraz a while and
maybe you could get his sentence
cut to say 15-are 20 years now he
asked me to write to you and have
you recommend him in some way
if you cant do any thing you could
write to J. Edgar Hoover and ask
him to ^{his} recommendations for Volney
be reduced to 15-are 20 years then
he would stay there a while and
be returned to Alcatraz if
cant get nothing done then he will
stay there some years to 20 years
if you would try to help him
I would be all over and I hope
you will a gain the same way

men are he could or expectation
you helping him some day & lone
my Boy just like onther mothers dose
I cant help it so far. me and his
thurs sake do what you can to
help reduce his sentence to some
years so he will have good hopes
Please do this for us we are for
thing and I would hate to die and
never get to see him any more
Mr Garland those letters that
you to you & never did get either
the letters are a copy of them now
they told you to have them printed
I rather give his letters to me are a
copy of them & never new what
you thought you did
Mr Garland write to me
How do you keep his torch
I hope you write to me soon

August the 28 1940

502 So. Walnut st

Bristow Okla

Dear Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

I am Volneys Davis Mother as you no he was sentenced to Alcatraz for life and Has ben in Prison 5 years this last June he Has ben in Alcatraz 5 Years this October and he rote to me he Wantted me to Write to Mr Farland that usto be speashel agent in Kansas City Mo to Have Him to Write to you for to see if you would cut his time are centence to 15 ore 20 Years but Mr A E Farlands letter come back to me so I just thought I would write you my self and send you the letter that I Had ritten to Mr Farland and aske you my self to do what you Posabeley can to Help my Son as I am his mother and am getting old I will be 66 my Berth-day and his father will be 76 the 20 of September and is awfull nervous and I would Hate for eather one of us to Pass away and leave Volney 271 (?) in Alcatraz if I could get any thing done he is maken good thair Has bin Working in the Kitchen but he rote me he was going to work in the Print Shop Soen Will You Please reduce his sentence to years if it layes in Your Power You and Write me if you will and let me no and write to Volney if you can I will all ways remeaber you if you will Help him all you can now ore as soon as you can Volney tryed to Help the Government me all he could when He was arested he was tige up it seamed and Couluent get looce from that gang he is all the boy I have in this world let me Hear from you soon as Pusabel from Volneys mother and father

(signed) Rodney and Amanda Davis

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August the 2:1940

Dear Mr Farland

I thought I Would Write you a gain and as you told me after my son Volney Davis Had to stay at Alcatraz a while and mabeey you could get his sentence cut to say 15 or 20 years now he aske me to write to you and have you recomend him in some way if you cant do aney thang you could wright to J. Edgar Hoovers and aske Him to His Recomendations for Volneys time to be reduced to 15 ore 20 years then he would Half to stay thair quite awhile and all so be returned to Mcalester Okla if I cant get nothing done thair he will half to stay thair some Years to I do wish Mr Farland you would try to Help Volney he is 38 years old now and says if he is ever free again he will stay free you no he opened up and Helped you Goverment men all he could on expectations of you helping him some day I love my Boy just like anther mothers dose and Cant Help it so for me and his fathers Sacke do What you Can to Help reduce his sentence to some years so he will Have good Hopes Pleas co this for us we are bouth getting old I would Hate to die and never get to see Him aney more Mr Farland those letters that was given to you I never did get eather the letters ore a copy of them now Volney told you to Have them Printed and eather give his letters to me ore a Copy of them I never new what was it all about but thought you did

So Pleas Mr Farland write to me aney How so I can Keep in tuch with you, and write to Mr Hoover for a time cut if he will let me Hear from you at once

(signed) Mr and Mrs Rodney Davis

Your friends

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September 18, 1940

Judge Arthur D. Wood
Chairman
Parole Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

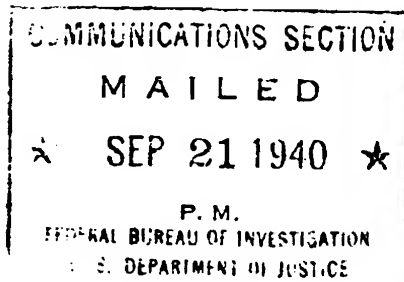
There are enclosed herewith for your information and acknowledgment copies of a letter dated August 28, 1940, received at this Bureau from Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Davis, the parents of Volney Davis, an inmate of the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, requesting assistance in reducing the sentence of their son.

The correspondents have been advised of this reference to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



CAG:MBJ

September 18, 1940

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Mr. Rodney Davis
502 South Walnut Street
Bristow, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Davis:

In the absence of the Director from the city, I wish to acknowledge the letters from Mrs. Davis and you dated August 2 and 28, 1940, addressed to former Special Agent A. E. Farland and this Bureau, respectively.

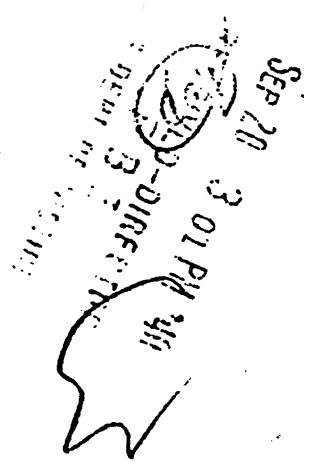
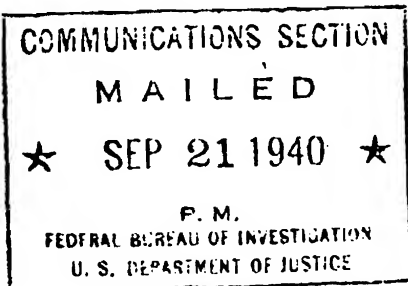
For your information, matters involving parole are within the jurisdiction of Judge Arthur D. Wood, Chairman, Parole Board, Washington, D. C., and I have therofore taken the liberty of referring copies of your letter addressed to this Bureau to Judge Wood for whatever action he deems appropriate.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

cc Oklahoma City

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



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XEROXED ORIGINAL-RETAIN

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 31, 1940

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD - PETITIONER;
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

Reference is made to Bureau letter to the Kansas
City Office, dated August 6, 1940 (62-50,763).

You are advised that Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER
DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas has advised that on August 28, 1940, he
filed a petition for appeal to the U. S. Circuit Court of
Appeals, Denver, Colorado in this matter. Mr. DAVIS also
informed that he had on that date served Attorney JOHN
RHODES of Kansas City, Missouri, Counsel for McDONALD, with
a copy of his appeal brief. Mr. DAVIS anticipates that
this appeal will be argued in the U. S. Circuit Court of
Appeals at Denver, Colorado about January 1, 1941.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Dwight Brantley,
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in charge.

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Edward L. Bremer

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

XEROXED ORIGINAL-RETAIN

September 4, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Springfield office dated May 13, 1940 and Bureau letter dated August 27, 1940, requesting that Sheriff EDMUND J. WELTERS at Ottawa, Illinois, be interviewed concerning the information that DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232, may have been killed and buried beside the Fox River at Ottawa, Ill.

Please be informed that contact was had with Sheriff WELTERS, who advised that he has checked with all the deputies assigned to his office, none of whom has any information concerning the alleged killing and burial of DR. MORAN. Sheriff WELTER further informed that he will continue checking on this matter and in the event he secures any definite information he will immediately notify this office.

Very truly yours,

W. S. Devereaux
W. S. DEVEREAUX,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Springfield
St. Paul
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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

7-576-15172
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
5 SEP 5 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago Ill
Sept 29-40

Dear Sir

I am writing in regards to my
brother ^{ALVIN KARPANICZ} Alvin Karpavicz no 325 who is serving
time in Alcatraz. The family and I haven't
heard from him for two months I wrote
twice to the warden but received no word
my mother is extremely distressed over the
absence of his letters and you please
write and tell me who I should write or see
over this matter.

Respectfully yours
Mrs Emily Neubold
1443 Belle Plaine
Chicago Ill.

Alvin Karpavicz

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1 SEP 30 1940
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7-576-15173

October 4, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF PRISONS

There are enclosed herewith for your information and acknowledgment copies of a letter received at this Bureau from Mrs. Emily Neubold, 1443 Belle Plaine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 29, 1940, in which the correspondent makes inquiry concerning her brother, Alvin Karpis, the kidnaper who is now incarcerated at Alcatraz Island.

Mrs. Neubold's letter is not being acknowledged by this Bureau.

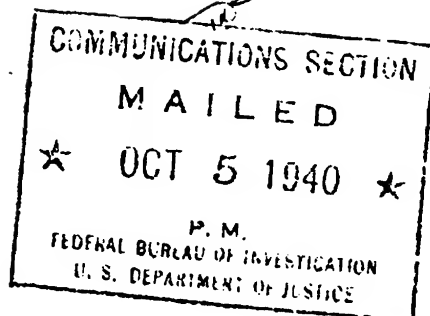
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



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62-50763

October 4, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

RE: CASSIUS McDONALD
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION
FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to the undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special Agent Walter M. Morris, dated August 13, 1940, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, requesting investigation in reference to McDonald at Grosse Pointe Park.

The Bureau desires that this matter receive your personal attention and that periodic checks be made in a discreet manner to determine the whereabouts and actions of McDonald during the period of his release.

For your information, the office of the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, has filed a petition appealing the habeas corpus decision rendered by the Federal District Court in Kansas, and it is expected that this appeal will be heard in the Circuit Court of Appeals at Denver, Colorado, on or about January 1, 1941.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Kansas City

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November 25, 1940

Mr. Everett Willis
206 Virginia Avenue
East Alton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Willis:

I have your letter of November 14, 1940,
in which you inquire if Alvin Karpis is still wanted
by this Bureau.

Please be advised that Alvin Karpis was
located at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936,
and is presently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary.

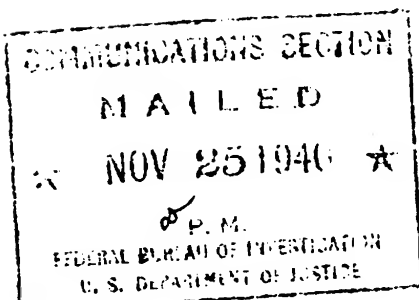
I desire to thank you for bringing this
information to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____

CC Springfield



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C. J. J. J.

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Mr. E. J. Hoover

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir Washington D.C.

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a Reward of \$5000.00 has been posted

In the Detective Bulletin for Alvin Karpis

Is he still wanted by the Govt.

and what is the charge against him

I have his picture

I am not a Govt agent at the present

time and I will watch out for him

to get the reward any information

concerning the character of this man will

be appreciated

as local authorities
Police and Detective
can collect the
Reward for him
yours Respectfully
Everett Willis
204 Virginia av.
East Alton
Ill.

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Detroit, Michigan
December 27, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. T. ROSS, dated November 29, 1940, at Detroit, Michigan, in the case entitled CASSIUS McDONALD, Miscellaneous - Petition For writ of Habeas Corpus.

[REDACTED] has determined that CASSIUS McDONALD has become associated with the BRETON LOG DOCKING COMPANY at Watersmeet, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. BUGAS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau
cc-Kansas City

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Edna J. Bremer

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December 5, 1940

62-50763-

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD;
MISCELLANEOUS -
PETITION FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent P. T. Ross dated at Detroit, Michigan, October 5, 1940, and to the Bureau's letter of October 4, 1940, to your office.

The Bureau would appreciate being advised as to any further developments which have occurred in this matter concerning the whereabouts and activities of McDonald in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Kansas City

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C O P Y

January the 14 1941

Dear Mr. John Edgar Hoover:

I have ritten several letters to you to try to get one direct from you but the Director or sectary allways ansers so I am sending you this letter by speachel dill so you will be sure to anser I am Volney Davis mother he is now serving life in Alcatraz I'am writing you to see if you will pleas give him some kind of recomendations eather cut his sentence from life to 15 are 20 years so if he makes a modal prisnor he will have a chance to get out on to thirds good time are transferr him back east whear I mite have a chance to see him a gain in this world as he is far away and we his father and mother are not abel to go see him and we are bouth getting old his father is 76 and I am 66 he is all the boy we ever had to live and he beaing just one boy got mixed up with the rong kind of compney and I do no that Mr. A. E. Farland speacil agent promist to help Volney after he was in prison a while for I herd him tell Volney so I all so herd Volney make a confesting to Mr. Farland and Mr. Horstum the last time I saw Volney at Leavensworth Kansas just before thay sent him to alcatraz and Mr. Farland said he beleaved you would recommend some clemency for Volney as he opened up and helped you gun men to catch up with some bad fellows he all so give Mr. Farland some letters in my preasents to have prested and Mr. Farland told me that thay was on file now in Washington I cant get in tuch with Mr. farland aney more but I no the goverment men have released Edna Murry and she at one time was a complicity in the 1925 kidnaping of the Banker at st Paul I am glad thay have as I hope she will go straght from hear on I am sending you a clipping wher she was paroled I wouldnt aske you to help Volney if I thought he would go rong a gain but he says if he ever gets out he will come home and take care of us as long as we live I will thank you if you will give him some kind of clemency. Please he is old enough to no how to do right and I belicve he will.

Now please anser my letter and help Volney if it layes in your power I have prayed a lot for the boy and God alone noes my harte and I am just a mother that loves her boy just like outhr mothers and I have onley got one boy and if you can help him pleas do for his parints are getting old and we would love to see him a gain anser soon this is all for this time I hope to hear from you soon from Volney Davis mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, 502 South Walnut, Bristow, Okla.

*no action
See Census 1571X and X+
admission giving one of her letters
and saying she will write
and say she is married.*

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Ms/ January the 14 1941

Dear Mr John Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

I have written several
letters to you to try to get one
direct from you but the Director or
Secretary always answers so I am sending
you this letter by Special Delivery so you
will be sure to answer I am Valerey Dan
mather he is now serving life in Alcatraz ²⁷
I am writing you to see if you will please
give him some kind of Recommendations etc.
Cut his sentence from life to 15 or 20 years
so if he makes a model Prisoner he will have
a chance to get out on to third ^{good} time and turn
him back east where I might have (for
a chance to see him a gain in this world
as he is far away and we his father and
mother are not able to go see him and
we are both getting old his father is 76
and I am 66 he is all the boy we ever
had to live and he being just one boy
Went up with his family to the

mon - Please answer my
letter and Help Volney if
it layes in Your Power
I have Prayed a lot for this
my Boy and God alone
knes my Harte and I am
just a mother that loves her
Boy just like outther mother
and I have onley got one boy
and if You can Help him Please
so far his Parints are getting
ald and we would love to
see him a Gain answer. Poor this
is all for this time I hope
to hear from You soon
from Volney Davis's mother and
father and ones Rodney & Davis
to the North at

I and I do not that Mr. E. Garland
Special agent Promised to help Volney after he
was in Prison a while for I heard him tell
Volney so I all do heard Volney make a
Confession to Mr. Garland and Mr. Norstrom the
last time I saw Volney at Leavenworth ^{Kansas} just before
they sent him to Alcatraz and Mr. Garland said
he believed you would recommend some clemency
for Volney as he opened up and helped the
gun men to catch up with some bad
fellows he all do give Mr. Garland some
letters in my presents to have printed and
Mr. Garland told me that they was on
file now in Washington I can't get in
touch with Mr. Garland any more but I
the government men have released Edna
and she at one time was a accomplice in
the 1935 Kidnaping of the Banker at St Paul I am
glad they have as I hope she will go straight from
Hewson I am sending you a clipping when she was
Paroled I wouldn't ask you to help Volney
if I thought he would go down a gain but
he says if he ever gets out - he will come
home and take care of us as long as we
live I will thank you if you will give
him some kind of clemency please he is a
man to be had for a right and I will
be glad to see him

Kissing Girl Bandit Free Under Parole



Edna Murray.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 20 (AP)—Edna Murray—who insists she doesn't deserve her title of "The Kissing Bandit"—went free from state prison today on parole.

"I'm going home to my mother in Cardin, Okla.," she said as she left the prison she entered under 25-year robbery sentence in 1925 and from which she escaped three times before resigning herself to what she insists was "a wrong rap."

In her years of flight from the law she became the consort of notorious gangsters—most of whom are now dead or in prison, she recalled sadly today.

KISSING GIRL

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It was as a companion to the Barker-Karpis gang—one of them, Volney Davis, she called "my boy friend"—that she stayed out of prison for three years after her last escape in 1932.

Also, it was her testimony in subsequent trials involving those gangsters which helped her to freedom. Federal authorities recommended her for parole, saying she aided in "breaking up a gang."

In one of the three trials at which the law called upon her inside knowledge of "big time" crime, she herself was a defendant. That was when she was accused of complicity in the 1935 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Several of her companions were convicted, but the charge against her was dismissed.

"I never took part in their doings, I just lived with them," she told reporters today.

Her husband, Jack Murray, drew an identical 25-year term for the same crime of which she was con-

victed—robbing a Kansas City grocery clerk in 1925. That's when she became known as "the kissing bandit."

"This grocery clerk testified that after we robbed him I asked him to kiss me," she related.

"We didn't even commit that robbery. It's the only one I was ever accused of. But I've been the 'kissing bandit' ever since."

She blames that "bum conviction" for "the rest of my troubles."

"It made me bitter and probably caused me to do things I did afterward."

Jack Murray, released on sick parole in 1935, died later. Her "boy friend," Volney Davis, is doing life in Alcatraz for the Bremer kidnaping.

"But I've got a family in Cardin, Okla.," the 42-year-old woman said. "I'm going to live a quiet life down there—and keep out of trouble."

AFTER 8 DAYS RETURN TO

Mrs Rodney E Davis
402 So Walnut st
BRISTOW, OKLA.

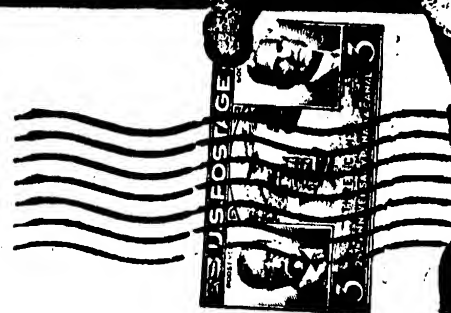


Special Delivery

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Mr John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of investigation
Department of Justice Washington
D.C.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
Mrs Rodney Davis
502 So Walnut
BRISTOW, OKLA.



RETURN
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Mr A. E. Harland
Spec agent
San Francisco Calif



POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

Grand Rapids, Michigan
January 15, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD

Dear Sir:

At 9:00 a. m. on January 3, 1941 HENRY WELMERS, who operates a filling station at 750 Oakdale Street in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and who resides at 1900 Madison, called at this office and informed the writer that CASSIUS McDONALD had left Grand Rapids about 9:00 a. m. on January 2, presumably to return to his home at Watersmeet, Michigan.

He further advised that CASSIUS McDONALD was the son-in-law of C. A. GORDON, who resides at 744 Oakdale Street and that, having married EDNA GORDON, McDONALD often visited the GORDON family at that address. MR. WELMERS advised that he would continue to report to this office each time that McDONALD visited the GORDON residence.

Very truly yours,

L. E. RICHMOND
Special Agent in Charge

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February 6, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD
MISCELLANEOUS (Petition
for writ of habeas corpus)

Dear Sir:

It is noted in previous correspondence with your office that it was expected District Judge Richard Hopkins would hand down a written opinion outlining his reasons for releasing McDonald on a habeas corpus petition.

It a copy of this opinion is now available it is requested that the Bureau be furnished with same. The Bureau should also be provided with a copy of any opinion subsequently rendered by the Circuit Court of Appeals in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Denver

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Feb. 9. 1941

Mr. B. W. Suttles.

Special Agent. F. B. I.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Suttles:

Am writing

Mr. Caesar P. Muse

you of course know.

Mr. Muse has become ill
of a kidney ailment or
complication and the
Doctors, including an
army Dr. has told him
that his best chance and
probably his only chance
of recovery is to go to

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Hot Springs, Arkansas and
take the hot baths there.

Under the existing
circumstances of which
you well know, he is
hesitant to go, unless, as
the U.S. Government is wholly
responsible for the extreme
animosity which the officers
there bear him, he feels
that the U.S. Gov. now should
give and guarantee him safe
and adequate protection
at Hot Springs so he
could safely go and
get the benefits of the

rather.

It is solely because he +
I gave testimony for the
U.S. Gov that makes ^{it} unsafe
to go back there as ordinary
citizens. therefore I am
asking that you devise
some way that will
give him ample protection
while there so that he
can feel secure in
going to Hot Springs.

Address your earliest possible
reply and instructions or
information to

Cesar P. Mure. Brashear
Missouri

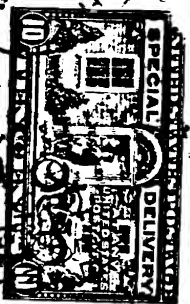
Trusting you will understand
and appreciate the gravity
of this request and do
something favorable about
it - I am, very cordially

Yours truly
Evel Spensen

San Francisco
Berkeley, Mo

Special Delivery

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Mr. B. W. Sullivan, Special Agent-
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

BLS:GJ

February 17, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENDON

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

A. The writer has received a letter from Mr. Earl Spencer, a witness in the Bremer kidnaping case - harboring angle during the trial of the Hot Springs city police officers at Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1938.

In this letter he has asked Government protection for Oscar P. Muse. Mr. Muse was a very valuable witness during the trial of this case and at one time lived in the house with Mr. Spencer. Mr. Muse, during the time he was on the witness stand, gave very damaging evidence against Herbert "Dutch" Akers. However, prior to the departure of Mr. Muse and Mr. Spencer from Little Rock to their home in Missouri immediately after the trial had come to a close, they received some rather veiled and subtle threats that led them to believe that if they did not get out of town in a hurry they might be subjected to physical harm.

The writer talked to Inspector Connelley about this at the time and arrangements were made with Mr. Earl Spencer to correspond with the Little Rock Office immediately if during the course of their trip home they were molested in any way. Shortly thereafter Mr. Spencer arrived in Brashear, Missouri, and a letter was received from him stating he and Mr. Muse had arrived safely.

Mr. Spencer now states it is necessary for Mr. Muse to return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for his health, and knowing Hot Springs as he does, both he and Mr. Muse are afraid that something might happen to Mr. Muse if he returns to that city.

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Both Mr. Spencer and Mr. Muse cooperated 100 per cent with Bureau Agents during the gathering of the evidence for the harboring trial and both of them, at the time, indicated to Bureau Agents that they would be more than willing to testify as Government witnesses providing the Government would see to it that no harm would come to them as a result of their testimony. The Agents working on this case let it be known through various channels that witnesses subpoenaed for testimony in this case by the U. S. Government would be protected from physical violence if at all possible. It is, of course, realized the Bureau will be unable to comply with the request of Mr. Muse at this time in the manner in which he indicates in his letter. However, in view of his previous cooperation and excellent testimony rendered in the trial of this case, an appropriate letter has been written to Mr. Muse and Mr. Spencer reflecting the Bureau's position at this time. These letters are attached for approval.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
R. K. Suttler

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Edw. J. G. Spencer

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To: _____ Director
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_____ Miss Gandy
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_____ Mr. Harbo
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L. B. Nichols

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February 24, 1941

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Mr. Earl Spencer
Brashear, Missouri

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Mr. S. M. Suttler of this Bureau has turned over to me your letter dated February 9, 1941, relative to the present condition of Mr. Oscar Pope Muse, a former witness for the United States Government in the Bremer kidnaping case.

I appreciate your writing as you did and thought you might be interested to know I am today directing a letter to Mr. Muse in answer to the inquiry set forth in your letter.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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March 5, 1941

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Captain James P. Mahoney
Massachusetts State Police
Commonwealth Pier
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: BREKID

Dear Captain Mahoney:

Responsive to your form post card dated
February 21, 1941 inquiring as to whether Harry
Campbell, formerly wanted by this Bureau for kidnaping,
is still wanted, this is to advise that Campbell was
apprehended at Toledo, Ohio on May 7, 1936.

There is enclosed herewith the apprehension
order on this subject.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with
you in all matters of mutual interest,

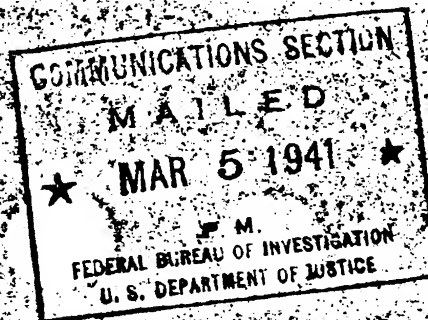
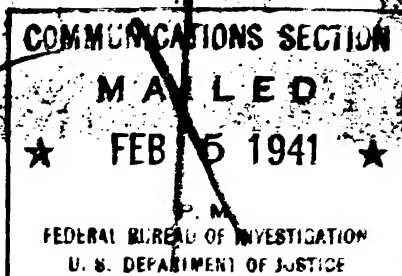
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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60- Boston

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Mr. Tracy _____
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Boston, Mass.

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE

Commonwealth Pier, Boston, Mass.

February 21 1941
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Dear Sir:

Our records show a *Harry Campbell*
reported as *Wanted for Kidnap* by you on *1-20-35*

Kindly advise us on attached card if this report is to be carried
as active or canceled so that we may keep our records up to date.

JAMES P. MAHONEY

Captain & Executive Officer

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on 1-20-65 as active in your files.

reported as *Harry Campbell* by this department

Please continue to army

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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REPORT MADE AT ST PAUL, MINN.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-17-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-8, 11-41	REPORT MADE BY BLAKE G. KENEALLY SC
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. 1232, etal. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Indictments in this case still pending at St. Paul, Minn., set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Cincinnati Office to St. Paul February 19, 1941.</p> <p>DETAILS: Upon receipt of reference letter, reporting Agent interviewed MR. JAMES GIBLIN, Assistant United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minn., who advised after checking the criminal docket in the office of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, that the indictments still pending in this case are as follows:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>DOCKET #6096, Conspiracy to Kidnap EDWARD G. BREMER. The case is still pending as to the following defendants:</p> <p>ALVIN KARPIS WILLIAM WEAVER JOSEPH P. MORAN MYRTLE EATON JOHN DOE RICHARD ROE</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>HARRY CAMPBELL HARRY SAWYER WILLIAM J. HARRISON "WHITIE" (BRUNO AUSTIN or BRUNO PUTAS)</p> </div> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. J. Berens</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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DOCKET #6095, charging kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER. This case still pending as to following defendants:

ALVIN KARPIS
VOLNEY DAVIS
ELMER FARMER
HARRY SAWYER
JOE DOE
HAROLD ALDERTON

ARTHUR B. BARKER
HARRY CAMPBELL
WILLIAM WEAVER
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
RICHARD ROE

DOCKET #6174, charging conspiracy to kidnap EDWARD G. BREMER. (This is an enlargement of docket #6096 to include CASSIUS MC DONALD). The case is still pending as to the following defendants:

ALVIN KARPIS
VOLNEY DAVIS
BYRON BOLTON
HAROLD ALDERTON

ARTHUR BARKER
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
ELMER FARMER

With reference to docket #1096, a notation appeared therein to the effect that on May 6, 1935, an order was filed calling for the release from the custody and control of the U.S. Government of "Whitie", whose true name is reportedly BRUNO AUSTIN for the reason that insufficient evidence was available to the Government to justify the expense of bringing this individual to trial in answer to instant indictment. However, subsequent entries in this docket indicated that the indictment against "WHITIE" is still active and that the above mentioned order dated May 6, 1935, is not to be construed as a complete dismissal of the case against him.

In order to verify the status of these indictments as reflected above, reporting agent also checked the docket of the Clerk of Court, St. Paul, and ascertained that the status of these indictments is as reported above.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MO.**

FILE NO. **62-1395**

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 7/25/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/25/39	REPORT MADE BY M. B. RHODES DR
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Motion filed on July 22, 1939 by CASSIUS McDONALD before Federal Judge HOPKINS, Kansas City, Kansas to cause subpoena duces tecum to be issued for Director HOOVER and Dr. D. E. SINGLETON and subpoena ad testificandum to be issued for Mr. HOOVER and Special Agent in Charge SAMUEL H. McKEE, came up for argument before above court. Petitioner's counsel was not present, he having, prior to the hearing, informed Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, that he was not the attorney of record. The Court signed a writ of habeas corpus, directing the Warden of Leavenworth Prison to produce McDONALD in Federal Court at Kansas City on July 28, 1939, at which time McDONALD will be questioned as to what specific records he desires produced by Mr. HOOVER and Dr. SINGLETON and what specific testimony he expects from them and from Mr. McKEE. Up to date, no order has been issued on the Director or any Bureau employee to produce any records or to testify in this matter, and the United States Attorney's Office, Topeka, Kansas of the opinion that none will be issued, in view of fact this is a civil proceeding.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. B. RHODES, Kansas City, Mo., 7/22/39.</p>			
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DETAILS:

At Kansas City, Kansas -

On the morning of July 25, 1939, Agent was in U. S. District Court at Kansas City, Kansas, where the motion, filed by McDONALD on July 22, 1939, for a court order directing issuance of a subpoena duces tecum for Director HOOVER and Dr. D. E. SINGLETON and a subpoena ad testificandum for Mr. HOOVER and Special Agent in Charge SAMUEL H. McKEE - came up for hearing. The Government was represented by Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER DAVIS. The Petitioner was not represented by counsel. Prior to the above hearing, Mr. DAVIS telephonically contacted Attorney W. H. McCANISH, Kansas City, Kansas, who was supposed to be representing McDONALD at the hearing and Mr. McCANISH informed Mr. DAVIS that he was not McDONALD'S attorney of record in this case, and that he knew nothing about the motion to order subpoenas for the above named Federal officials. He also stated that unless he was paid a fee in this matter, he did not intend to represent McDONALD at the hearing which is scheduled for July 28, 1939.

At the proceeding before Judge HOPKINS on July 25, 1939, Mr. DAVIS informed the Court of the information he had received from Mr. McCANISH, whereupon the Court appointed Attorney JOHN F. RHODES, Kansas City, Missouri to represent McDONALD at the hearing on July 28, 1939 provided McCANISH did not appear. The Court, at the July 25th hearing declined to issue a subpoena duces tecum for Dr. SINGLETON and subpoenas ad testificandum for Mr. HOOVER and Special Agent in Charge McKEE. The Court, however, signed a writ of habeas Corpus directing the Warden of the Leavenworth Prison to produce McDONALD in Federal Court at Kansas City, Kansas at 10:00 a.m. on July 28, 1939. The Court stated that at that time, McDONALD would be interrogated and requested to point out what specific records he desired Mr. HOOVER and Dr. SINGLETON to produce; further, to point out just what specific testimony he wanted Director HOOVER and Mr. McKEE to give. It is pointed out that after the Court is advised of the specific information desired by the Petitioner, the Government then intends to move that the Petitioner's request be over-ruled, on the grounds that same is not competent in a habeas corpus proceeding.

To date, no order has been issued by Judge HOPKINS directing Mr. HOOVER or any other official of the Bureau to appear at Kansas City, Kansas at the hearing on July 28, 1939, with any official

records, or to give testimony. The United States Attorney's Office at Topeka, Kansas is of the opinion that no such order will be issued, inasmuch as this is a civil proceeding, and the Court cannot compel the attendance of any witness over 100 miles distant, at a proceeding of this kind.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Kansas City, Kansas will follow and report developments in this matter.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI** **K.C.** FILE NO. **62-1395**

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 1-9-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-21-39	REPORT MADE BY G. H. TREADWELL MC
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, advises that Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS, U. S. District Judge, District of Kansas, still has matter under consideration. Decision not rendered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. B. RHODES, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-29-39.			
DETAILS: Reporting Agent has made inquiry of Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS at frequent intervals, to ascertain whether or not Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS, United States District Judge for the District of Kansas has rendered a decision on the Petition of CASSIUS McDONALD for Writ of Habeas Corpus. The last inquiry was made as of close of business December 21, 1939, at which time Mr. DAVIS stated that Judge HOPKINS had not rendered a decision since taking this matter under advisement.			
UNDEVELOPED LEAD: <p style="text-align: center;">THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION</p> <p>Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, and report the decision of Judge HOPKINS in this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P E N D I N G</p>			
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TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Assistant U. S. Attorney reinterviewed on 2/5/40 and states that Federal Judge Richard J. Hopkins has not yet rendered a decision in this case.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. H. TREADWELL, Kansas City, Mo. 1-9-40.

DETAILS: At Topeka, Kansas -

Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER DAVIS was interviewed and stated, as yet, the Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS, U. S. District Judge, has not as yet rendered a decision in this case which he took under advisement at the close of the hearing as previously reported.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Topeka, Kansas will maintain contact with the U. S. Attorney and report the decision rendered by Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS in this case.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 3-25-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-21-40	REPORT MADE BY G. H. TREADWELL
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, advises abstract and brief of evidence filed by government with Clerk, U. S. District Court, Topeka, 3-20-40. Case will be argued orally in near future.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent G. H. TREADWELL, Kansas City, Missouri, 2-10-40.

DETAILS:

- At Topeka, Kansas -

Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER DAVIS advised that on 3-20-40 the government filed an abstract and brief of evidence with the Clerk, U. S. District Court at Topeka, Kansas, and that this case will probably be argued orally in the U. S. District Court in the near future.

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KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE - At Topeka, Kansas, will follow and report results of this case.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 5/2/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/26/40	REPORT MADE BY G. H. TREADWELL HD		
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS		
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: P. Case argued before United States District Judge HOPKINS at Kansas City, Kansas, and matter taken under advisement. No decision yet rendered.					
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. H. TREADWELL, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3/26/40.					
DETAILS: At Topeka, Kansas Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS advised that he recently argued this case before United States District Judge RICHARD J. HOPKINS, in Kansas City, Kansas, and at the conclusion of the argument, Judge HOPKINS took this matter under advisement and has not as yet rendered a decision.					
UNDEVELOPED LEADS: KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION At Topeka, Kansas, will follow and report results of this case.					
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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 5-7-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-31-40	REPORT MADE BY G. H. TREADWELL DR
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD - PETITIONER		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">U. S. Attorney, Topeka, Kansas advises that since hearing in this case, Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS, U. S. District Judge, has requested that a deposition be taken from EVERETT JENNINGS, Attorney, who represented McDONALD at time of his trial. U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Ill. advised U. S. Attorney, Topeka, Kans. JENNINGS ill, and deposition cannot be taken at present time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. H. TREADWELL, Kansas City, Mo. 5-2-40.			
DETAILS: <u>At Topeka, Kansas</u> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This case was discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney HOMER DAVIS, who stated that since Judge HOPKINS had heard the petition of CASSIUS McDONALD, that he has ordered and requested that a deposition be taken from EVERETT JENNINGS, Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, who represented subject McDONALD at the time of his trial and conviction.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. DAVIS advised that the U. S. Attorney at Chicago, Illinois had been requested to arrange for the taking of such deposition, but that information has been received from the U. S. Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, to the effect that Attorney JENNINGS is presently ill, and that the deposition required</p>			
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cannot be taken at the present time.

The U. S. Attorney at Topeka, Kansas has addressed a communication to the U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, requesting the U. S. Attorney at Chicago to inform the U. S. Attorney at Topeka when the physical condition of Attorney EVERETT JENNINGS will permit the taking of the deposition requested by the U. S. District Judge for the District of Kansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Topeka, Kansas will maintain contact with the U. S. Attorney's Office and will report the taking of the deposition requested by the Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS and will follow and report the final outcome of this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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Grand Rapids

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REPORT MADE AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 8/13/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/8/40	REPORT MADE BY WALTER M. MORRIS OCW
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Inquiries at Watersmeet, Michigan, and vicinity reveal CASSIUS McDONALD has not been there since his release; and is presently at 15800 Lakeview Court, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from the Detroit Field Division dated August 7, 1940.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>At WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">In company with Sheriff ARTHUR PERTILE, discreet inquiries were made at JACK'S CISCO INN, a tavern which is located twelve miles west of the town of Watersmeet, Michigan, on U. S. Route Number 2, and directly across the road from the entrance to Casada Lodge, a palatial summer residence, owned by CASSIUS McDONALD. JOHN ROGERS, the proprietor of the tavern advised that he had heard McDONALD had been released from prison, but that he had not seen him around. He advised that the only person now at the Casada Lodge was a caretaker.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Postmaster ERNEST A. DICKSON advised that he had not received any mail for CASSIUS McDONALD at any time during the summer. He stated that McDONALD'S wife, MRS. EDITH McDONALD, had left a forwarding address either last summer, or the summer before, of 15800 Lakeview Court, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. He stated that the only person now living at the Casada Lodge was AB LIVINGSTON, the caretaker.</p>			
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PATRICK KELLY, Township Supervisor and proprietor of the local grocery store which furnishes supplies to the Caseda Lodge, advised that he had heard of McDONALD'S release from prison, but that he has not been to the lodge since then, to his knowledge.

Without identity being revealed, the writer made inquiries of AB LIVINGSTON, caretaker of the Caseda Lodge, and learned that McDONALD has not been to the lodge since his release; and at the present time is located at 15800 Lakeview Court, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. He advised that he expected McDONALD to visit the lodge in the very near future.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will conduct necessary investigation at 15800 Lakeview Court, Grosse Pointe Park, for information as to the present whereabouts and activities of CASSIUS McDONALD.

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FILE NO.

MILWAUKEE

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REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	DATE WHEN MADE 8/20/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/15/40	REPORT MADE BY BIRL WILSON <div style="text-align: right;">LT</div>
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD - Petitioner			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Inquiry at Post Office, Western Union and Sheriff's Office fails to develop information indicating that McDONALD is in vicinity of EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau dated August 6, 1940.</p> <p>DETAILS: At EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">On August 15, 1940, Agent contacted Mr. AUGUST H. LA RENZIE, Postmaster, Eagle River, Wisconsin, at which time his records were examined for an address for CASSIUS McDONALD but the records failed to disclose an address for him. Mr. LA RENZIE stated that most of the tourists and vacationists have their mail sent General Delivery or in care of some other person and due to the large volume of mail no records are kept on those persons receiving their mail General Delivery. He stated that he personally had not noticed any mail addressed to a person by the name of CASSIUS McDONALD and inquiry of his three other employees likewise failed to develop any information.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mr. LA RENZIE placed a stop in the "M" section of the General Delivery Rack for a period of 15 days and advised that in the event CASSIUS McDONALD received any mail General Delivery or otherwise he would notify the Milwaukee Field Division of his address at EAGLE RIVER.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mr. G. S. HAGEN, Manager of Western Union, caused his records to be checked for a period of 15 days from August 1, 1940.</p>			
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to August 15, 1940, but was unable to locate any records of McDONALD having received any telegrams. Mr. HAGEN was requested to notify the Milwaukee Field Division in the event Subject received any telegrams at EAGLE RIVER within the next 15 days.

Sheriff JULIUS SKYFERT of Vilas County advised that he has not heard of CASSIUS McDONALD being in the vicinity of EAGLE RIVER and advised that in the event he had been there no one would know about it as there are hundreds of resorts in the vicinity of EAGLE RIVER and it would be very easy for a person to spend several months at one of these places without his identity being learned.

It is suggested that in the event the Kansas City Field Division desires further investigation be conducted at EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN, a photograph of Subject be furnished to the Milwaukee Field Division along with more detailed information as to where Subject might be located.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

FILE NO. **62-1026**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 10/5/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/20,23/40	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT T. ROSS RTR
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;">Subject has been at his Detroit home constantly since his release and apparently has no active business interests.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</div>			
REFERENCE: <div style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent Walter M. Morris, Grand Rapids, Michigan, dated 8/13/40.</div>			
DETAILS: <div style="text-align: center;">AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:</div> <div style="text-align: right;">b2 b7d</div> <p>_____ whose identity is known to the Bureau, related that previous to the return of CASSIUS McDONALD to his home at 15800 Lakeview Court, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, MRS. McDONALD attempted to get a F.H.A. mortgage on her palatial home at the above address by giving false information to the mortgage company to whom she applied _____</p> <p>_____ her purpose in attempting to get this mortgage was to raise funds for current living expenses, and at that time she intended to move into a less pretentious home and rent the house at the above address.</p>			
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Through the cooperation of MR. L. J. PATRICK, who is Superintendent of the Fox Creek Post Office Substation, Detroit, Agent talked with mailman HARRY LACY, who for years has been the mailman carrying mail on the route which covers 15800 Lakeview Court, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

MR. LACY related that up to the time Subject was released from prison MR3. CASSIUS McDONALD lived alone in her home at 15800 Lakeview Court and that the only other person in the house during that period was the colored houseman. MR. LACY stated that since Subject's release from prison he has constantly been at the Grosse Pointe Park home and MR. LACY states that he is sure that McDONALD has not been away from the house since that time for more than a day or so at any particular time as he is of the opinion that he has seen Subject at the home more or less constantly.

MR. LACY stated that he delivers mail at the house between ten and eleven each morning and he usually meets CASSIUS McDONALD in the yard around that time. MR. LACY further stated that there are no other occupants in the house except MR. and MRS. McDONALD and the colored houseman and that the only car he has seen around the house is an old car which MRS. McDONALD has been driving for some time.

He stated that apparently CASSIUS McDONALD does not have any definite work to which he reports regularly each day.

He stated that the family are very peculiar and that one peculiarity which he noticed in particular is that neither MR. nor MRS. McDONALD will ever accept any registered mail; that MR3. McDONALD followed this practice during the time MR. McDONALD was in prison and that since his release MR. LACY has had at least one registered letter which he attempted to deliver to MR. McDONALD but which MR. McDONALD definitely refused to accept, and it was returned to the sender.

MR. LACY stated that McDONALD is receiving mail more or less regularly from two lumber or veneer companies

in Wisconsin and that he remembers that one of the letters is from a company in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. MR. LACY stated he would keep track of the mail and advise this office through his superior as to the source of the mail being delivered to MR. McDONALD, as he thought that undoubtedly mail would be coming through from the two above mentioned veneer companies. Up to the present time, however, since this interview MR. LACY has not delivered any mail from these two concerns.

On September 23, 1940, however, MR. PATRICK, Superintendent of the Fox Creek Station, reported that on that day MR. LACY delivered to CASSIUS McDONALD an air mail letter which had the return address WILLIAM J. WESTON, Rochester, Minnesota.

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 11/29/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/24-11/4/40	REPORT MADE BY R. T. ROSS VS.
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject and wife moved from Detroit on October 24, 1940 to their summer home, Casada Lodge, Watermeet, Michigan. -RUC-			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. T. ROSS dated at Detroit, Michigan, October 5, 1940. Bureau letter to Detroit dated October 4, 1940.			
DETAILS: On October 24, 1940, Mr. L. J. PATRICK, Superintendent Fox Creek Station, Detroit Post Office, Detroit, Michigan, called the writer and stated that the carrier on the route covering the home of CASSIUS McDONALD, 15800 Lakeview Court, had noted that he had not had any mail for the McDONALDS recently, but on that morning, October 24, 1940, he noticed a moving truck at the McDONALD home and it appeared that the McDONALDS were moving from that house. Mr. PATRICK related that the truck was one belonging to the Farr Moving Company. It was determined that the Farr Moving Company is located at 2523 Beniteau Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Reporting Agent observed the home of the McDONALDS at 15,800 Lakeview Court, Detroit, Michigan, on November 4, 1940, and it was apparent that no one was living therein.			
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At the office of the Farr Moving Company, 2523 Beniteau Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. GRACE M. McCULLOUGH, Secretary and Treasurer of this company, stated that on October 24, 1940, her company moved the McDONALDS from their Detroit residence to their summer home at Watersmeet, Michigan; that two van loads of furniture were moved, and as far as she knows, the McDONALDS have left Detroit for good.

Mr. L. J. PATRICK determined by searching his records that on October 25, 1940, the CASSIUS McDONALD left a change of address with the Fox Creek Station, giving Box 27, Watersmeet, Michigan, as their new address.

For the information of interested offices, the United States Attorney's office at Topeka, Kansas is appealing the habeas corpus decision rendered by the Federal District Court in Kansas and it is expected that this appeal will be heard in the Circuit Court of Appeals at Denver, Colorado on or about January 1, 1941.

The Bureau has requested that periodic checks be made in a discreet manner to determine the whereabouts and actions of CASSIUS McDONALD during the period of his release.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION

At WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN, will make periodic checks in a discreet manner in order that the Bureau and the Kansas City office may be kept advised of the whereabouts and actions of McDONALD during the period of his release.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 1-2-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-28-40	REPORT MADE BY G. H. TREADWELL eb
TITLE CASSIUS MC DONALD - PETITIONER		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: U. S. Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, received letter from Clerk, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, dated 11-26-40, acknowledging receipt of Certified Copy of Transcript in this case, stating same has been duly filed and case docketed, assigned Docket #2239. P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA G. H. TREADWELL, Topeka, Kansas, dated 6-7-40.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT TOPEKA, KANSAS Miss DORIS KENDLE, Chief Clerk, U. S. Attorney's office, exhibited to Agent a letter addressed to the U. S. Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, dated November 26, 1940, by the Clerk of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, in which letter the Clerk acknowledges receipt of a certified typewritten copy of the transcript of the record in this case, stating further that the transcript has been duly filed and the case docketed, assigned Docket #2239.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UNDEVELOPED LEAD</u></p> <p>The KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at TOPEKA, KANSAS, will maintain contact with the office of the U. S. Attorney and will follow and report the action of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- PENDING -</p>			
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FILE NO. **62-27**

REPORT MADE AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/27/40	REPORT MADE BY JIM C. LANGDON WCB
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently residing at Casada Lodge, 12 miles west on highway 2 from Watersmeet, Michigan. Post office box at Watersmeet, 127. Subject presently engaged in the logging business for Breton Log Docking Company at Watersmeet, Michigan. He is now in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at 744 Oakdale Street, S.E., and will be there until December 31, 1940.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. T. ROSS, dated November 29, 1940, at Detroit, Michigan.

DETAILS:

AT WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN:

MR. ALBERT CESTKOWSKI, Deputy Sheriff and Town Marshal, was contacted. He advised that he was acquainted with Subject of instant case and that he was presently employed in the logging business about twelve miles west of Watersmeet on highway 2 at a place called Casada Lodge where he also resided. CESTKOWSKI also informed that Subject often came to Watersmeet, inasmuch as he received his mail at the post office there. Also he had not seen him for the last several days and believed he was

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visiting some friends out of town for the Christmas holidays.

At the Watersmeet post office MISS AGNES MURPHY, assistant postmaster, informed that CASSIUS McDONALD, Subject, had post office box 127 and that he had recently left a forwarding address effective until December 31, 1940, as follows: 744 Oakdale Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

At Stickley Lodge, twelve miles west of Watersmeet, Michigan on highway 2 MR. E. Y. BALDWIN, Manager of the Maryland Paper Mill Company, was contacted. He advised that Subject was presently employed with the Breton Log Docking Company and that he was logging at the present time. He believed, however, that he was out of town for the holidays but would be back around the first of the year.

AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

A check of the criss cross directory reflected that C. A. GORDON resided at 744 Oakdale Street, S.E., the forwarding address left by Subject with the postmaster at Watersmeet, Michigan.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION

AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, will contact Chief of Police O'MALLEY of the Grand Rapids Police Department for information concerning C. A. GORDON toward the end of ascertaining what connection Subject has with GORDON.

Will make inquiry in vicinity of 744 Oakdale Street, S.E., for the purpose of learning if Subject is still at present address.

AT WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN, will continue to make periodic checks at Watersmeet in a discreet manner in order that the Bureau and the Kansas City Office may be kept advised of the whereabouts and actions of McDONALD during the period of his release.

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FILE NO. **62-27**

REPORT MADE AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 2/26/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/12/41	REPORT MADE BY DWAIN C. LIMPKECHT KAB
TITLE CASSIUS McDONALD			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS — PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Subject presently residing Casada Lodge, twelve miles west of Watersmeet, Michigan on U.S. Highway No. 2. Has recently been in Washington, D. C. attempting to negotiate a contract with the United States government for sale of timber but has returned to Watersmeet, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent JIM C. LANOHON dated January 14, 1941 at Grand Rapids, Michigan.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">MR. ERNEST A. BICKSON, Postmaster at Watersmeet, Michigan, advised that Subject had returned from Detroit, Michigan shortly after Christmas and had been in Watersmeet continuously since that time up until approximately February 9, 1941. At that time the Subject had made it known that he was going to Washington, D. C. on business but had left no forwarding address at the post office.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">MR. A. P. CESTKOWSKI stated that within the past week or two McDONALD had gone to Washington, D.C., presumably for the purpose of attempting to negotiate a contract for the sale of timber to the United States government. MR. CESTKOWSKI advised that McDONALD owns several hundred acres of timber land</p>			
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and had been attempting for some time to dispose of some of it to the government. He advised that he would maintain a surveillance for the purpose of ascertaining when McDONALD returned to the vicinity of Watersmeet and would thereon immediately notify this office.

HARRY GILBERTSON, employed as a logging boss by CASSIUS McDONALD, stated that McDONALD was not at present in the vicinity of Watersmeet, Michigan, having gone to Washington, D. C. on business. He advised that McDONALD was expected to return to Watersmeet in the immediate future.

Under date of February 17, 1941 MR. GUSTOWSKI advised that McDONALD had returned to Watersmeet, Michigan on February 16, 1941 and had been at home since that time.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION:

AT WATERSEET, MICHIGAN, will continue to make periodical checks at Waterseet, Michigan in order that the Bureau and the Kansas City Office may be kept advised of the whereabouts and activities of McDONALD during the period of his release.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-8-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-10, 12-41	REPORT MADE BY G. F. THREKELL
TITLE CASSIDY, ROBERT			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS + PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. ROBERT DAVIS, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Topeka, Kansas advises that U. S. Attorney, Topeka has received letter from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Appeals, Denver, Colo. transmitting copies of the printed record in this case. Mr. DAVIS also stated that the U. S. Attorney at Topeka, Kansas will file a brief with the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Denver, Colorado within 30 days.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to the Kansas City Field Division February 6, 1941 (62-40763).

DETAILS: At Topeka, Kansas

Mr. ROBERT DAVIS, Assistant U. S. Attorney advised agent that the U. S. Attorney at Topeka, Kansas received a letter from the Clerk of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Denver, Colorado, transmitting two printed copies of the record in this case.

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Mr. DAVIS stated that the U. S. Attorney at Topeka, Kansas would file a brief with the Clerk of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Denver, Col. made within 25 days from receipt of the records.

In accordance with the letter of reference an effort will be made to obtain a copy of the opinion rendered in this case which released McDONALD on a habeas corpus petition.

On January 17, 1941 a letter was received from the Special Agent in Charge, Grand Rapids, Michigan as follows:

"At 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 1941 HENRY WILKINS, who operates a filling station at 750 Oakdale Street in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and who resides at 1900 Madison, called at this office and informed the writer that CASSIUS McDONALD had left Grand Rapids about 9:00 a.m. on January 2, presumably to return to his home at Esterman, Michigan.

He further advised that CASSIUS McDONALD was the son-in-law of C. A. GORDON, who resides at 744 Oakdale Street and that, having married EDNA GORDON, McDONALD often visited the GORDON family at that address. Mr. WILKINS advised that he would continue to report to this office each time that McDONALD visited the GORDON residence."

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION

* At Grand Rapids, Michigan, will contact Chief of Police O'MALLEY of the Grand Rapids Police Department for information concerning G. A. GORDON toward the end of ascertaining what connection Subject has with GORDON

* Will make inquiry in vicinity of 744 Oakdale Street, S.E., for the purpose of learning if subject is still at present address.

* At Watermeet, Michigan will continue to make periodical checks at Watermeet, Michigan in order that the Bureau and the Kansas City Office may be kept advised of the whereabouts and activities of McDONALD during the period of his release.

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Topeka, Kansas will contact the United States Attorney and endeavor to obtain a copy of a written opinion which was to be rendered by the Honorable RICHARD J. HOPKINS, U. S. District Judge, setting forth his reasons for releasing CASSIUS McDONALD on a habeas corpus petition.

Also at Topeka, Kansas will follow and report the action of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE 4-11-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-4, 9-41	REPORT MADE BY BLAKE G. KENEALLY JCC
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE. I.O. 1232, stale. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Clerk of United States Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, received letter dated 3-11-41 from ALVIN KARPIS at Alcatraz to the effect that KARPIS intends to move for speedy and public trial on certain indictments pending at St. Paul, Minnesota. THOMAS J. NEWMAN, St. Paul attorney who represented ALVIN KARPIS during trial in 1936, advises that KARPIS wrote him about a year ago asking that NEWMAN contact the United States Attorney in St. Paul re dismissal of pending indictments, but that NEWMAN has not heard from KARPIS since that time and that KARPIS has not engaged him in that connection.

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DETAILS:

AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

On March 24th, 1941, MR. JAMES J. GIBLIN, Assistant United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, addressed a letter to the Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advising that the Clerk of the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, had received a letter dated March 11th, 1941, from ALVIN KARPIS, #325 at Alcatraz Prison, to the effect that KARPIS intends to move for a speedy and public

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trial on certain indictments pending in the St. Paul district. In MR. GIBLIN'S letter to the Attorney General he outlined the indictments pending against KARPIS as follows:

"No. 6095 - one count. Transporting in interstate commerce, to Bensenville, Illinois, the kidnapped Edward G. Bremer, and holding for ransom--never arraigned--case stricken from the calendar until further order of the Court on April 6, 1937.

"No. 6096 - one count. Conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, transport him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois and hold for ransom--never arraigned--case stricken from calendar until further order of the Court on April 6, 1937.

"No. 6174 - one count. Conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, transport him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois and hold for ransom--never arraigned--case stricken from calendar until further order of the Court on April 6, 1937.

"No. 6248 - one count. Kidnapping William Hamm, Jr., transporting him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois and holding him for ransom--never arraigned--stricken from calendar until further order of the Court on April 6, 1937.

"No. 6249 - one count. Conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm, Jr., transport in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois and hold for ransom--never arraigned--case stricken from calendar until further order of the Court on April 6, 1937.

"No. 6257 - one count. Kidnapping William Hamm, Jr., transporting him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois and there holding him for ransom--never arraigned--case stricken from calendar until further order of the Court on April 6, 1937.

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MR. GIBLIN further advised that these indictments were returned in these cases on the following dates:

No. 6095 and No. 6096 on January 22, 1935
No. 6174 on September 27, 1935
No. 6248 and No. 6249 on April 22, 1936
No. 6257 on June 11, 1936

MR. GIBLIN, at the conclusion of this letter, requested the advice of the Attorney General with respect to the position the office of the United States Attorney in St. Paul should take concerning the request of ALVIN KARPIS for trial on the pending indictments.

A copy of MR. GIBLIN'S letter mentioned above was forwarded to the St. Paul Field Office on March 24th, 1941, together with a request that an agent of the St. Paul Field Office interview MR. THOMAS J. NEWMAN, Attorney of St. Paul, Minnesota, to determine whether MR. NEWMAN was in fact employed by KARPIS or by someone representing KARPIS during the 1936 trial in instant case, and to determine whether or not NEWMAN has had any indication from KARPIS that he intends to seek a writ of habeas corpus.

On April 4th, 1941, reporting agent interviewed MR. THOMAS J. NEWMAN, 8 East 4th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, Telephone Number Garfield 1309, who advised that he was sole attorney for ALVIN KARPIS and for CHARLES J. FITZGERALD during the entire trial of both these individuals at St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1936; that ARCHIE CAREY, a Minneapolis attorney, suggested NEWMAN'S name to KARPIS at the time the latter was seeking to engage an attorney for instant trial, and that KARPIS then engaged NEWMAN directly. MR. NEWMAN stated that KARPIS had originally sought to have MR. CAREY represent him, but that MR. CAREY, who was representing one or more defendants in the same case, felt that the interests of his first client might conflict with that of KARPIS, and therefore suggested MR. NEWMAN. KARPIS in turn suggested to CHARLES J. FITZGERALD that he too engage MR. NEWMAN as defense counsel.

MR. NEWMAN advised that about one year ago he received

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a letter from KARPIS at Alcatraz to the effect that KARPIS wanted him to discuss with the United States Attorney in St. Paul, Minnesota, the possibility of having the indictments remaining against KARPIS at St. Paul dismissed, and that if these were not dismissed KARPIS would "come to St. Paul" and make a motion to have them dismissed. MR. NEWMAN stated that he then spoke to LINUS HAMMOND, Assistant United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, who suggested that no action be taken at that time and that NEWMAN see MR. HAMMOND again at a later date concerning it.

MR. NEWMAN stated it was his recollection that he did not communicate with KARPIS at all following the above conversation with MR. HAMMOND, and he further stated that he received no further letters from KARPIS in this connection. He advised that he did not know that KARPIS is presently contemplating a motion to have these indictments against him dismissed, or that KARPIS intends to seek a writ of habeas corpus.

By additional letter dated April 9th, 1941, MR. JAMES J. GIBLIN, Assistant United States Attorney in St. Paul, Minnesota, requested the St. Paul Field Division to determine whether or not MR. THOMAS J. NEWMAN actually appeared in court with ALVIN KARPIS when the latter was arraigned on June 23rd, 1936 and entered a plea of not guilty; on July 14th, 1936 when KARPIS changed his plea of guilty and sentence was deferred; and on July 27th, 1936 when KARPIS was sentenced to serve the remainder of his natural life in a Federal penitentiary.

Reporting agent telephonically recontacted MR. THOMAS J. NEWMAN, who advised that he did appear in court with KARPIS on these occasions and that he was KARPIS' sole attorney throughout the entire proceedings against him in connection with instant matter.

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Denver, Colorado
April 22, 1941

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: CASSIUS McDONALD;
MISCELLANEOUS (Petition for
Writ of Habeas Corpus)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated April 3, 1941, requesting that the Bureau be kept telegraphically informed as to any action taken by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals at Denver, Colorado, in the above-entitled matter.

Please be advised that the hearing in the above-entitled matter is to be held some time this week before the Circuit Court of Appeals at Oklahoma City. The decision, however, will be handed down at Denver some time during the month of May 1941.

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This office will follow this case and will report the decision handed down by the Court immediately upon its receipt. Although it is improbable that any information concerning the decision of the Court can be obtained at Oklahoma City, it is requested that the Oklahoma City Field Division check the docket on this case and report any pertinent information to the Bureau telegraphically.

For the information of the Oklahoma City Office, the following is quoted from a letter received from the Kansas City Office:

"CASSIUS McDONALD was convicted for his participation in the BREKID case and was serving a sentence of 15 years in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, which was imposed by the Federal District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota. On June 6, 1940, Judge RICHARD J. HOPKINS of the United States District Court released McDONALD on a habeas corpus writ at Kansas City, Kansas, such release being on the personal recognisance of McDONALD in the sum of \$2,500.00.

"Immediately following the release of McDONALD, the office of the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, which was represented

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by Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, advised that this case would be appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals."

Very truly yours,

G. A. NICHOLSON
Special Agent in Charge

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cc- Kansas City (2)
Oklahoma City (2) - ANASD
Detroit (1)
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Chicago, Illinois
April 25, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir

For the Bureau's information, I wish to advise that [redacted] furnished information to the effect that there is an effort presently being made to obtain a parole for Elmer Farmer, who was convicted for his participation in the Bremer kidnaping.

According to this informant an allegation has been made that Farmer's sister is presently buying a chicken farm near LaGrange, Illinois, and that the United States Congressman from that district, who was formerly State's Attorney in DuPage County, Illinois, is going to take appropriate steps to effect a successful parole for Elmer Farmer. The basis for the application for parole will be the poor health of Elmer Farmer, as well as the fact that he has a chicken farm to retire to.

This informant states that \$5,000.00 is the price that is being asked by the United States Congressman for the part he is to play. This informant also advised that it is his recollection Farmer is now eligible for an application for parole.

Very truly yours

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Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Please refer to my previous memorandum of May 23, 1939, advising you of the receipt of information to the effect that a United States Congressman from Illinois had allegedly received \$1,000.00 for the use of his influence in having Elmer Farmer, who was convicted in the Bremer kidnaping case, transferred from the Alcatraz Penitentiary to some other penal institution.

Information has now been received that the sum of \$3,000.00 is the price being asked by the Congressman for his efforts in securing a parole for Farmer. The basis for the parole application will be the poor health of Farmer and the fact that he may retire to live on a chicken farm owned by his sister near La Grange, Illinois.

I would like to express my personal view that Farmer is the type of individual who should not be paroled or transferred to another institution. In the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., which occurred on June 15, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, you will recall that Farmer appeared on several occasions at the hideout in Bensonville, Illinois. While Mr. Hamm was being held here, Farmer delivered food and beer to the hideout for the use of Alvin Karpis and his associates, who were guarding Hamm. In the subsequent kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, Farmer arranged for the house in which Bremer was held prisoner at Bensonville, Illinois, during the ransom negotiations. Farmer is supposed to have received \$1,000.00 for his services in the Bremer case.

Elmer Farmer is a former saloon operator and by his own admission supervised a number of slot machines being operated in taverns and hotels in and near the city of Bensonville. He also operated gambling tables and a race track booking agency in the rear of a hotel owned by his mother in that city, and during prohibition engaged in bootlegging activities. His criminal record reveals that in February, 1918, he was received at the Illinois State Penitentiary to serve a one to twenty year sentence on a charge of burglary and was discharged on parole during March, 1922. He was

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subsequently arrested by the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department during July, 1926, but apparently was not prosecuted. His criminal record indicates a number of additional arrests by the Chicago Police Department during 1915, 1916 and 1918, on charges of larceny and burglary, however these arrests are not supported by fingerprints in the Identification Division.

I am furnishing a copy of this memorandum to Judge Wood, of the Parole Board, for his information.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Judge Arthur D. Wood
Chairman, Parole Board
Washington, D. C.

RE: ELMER FARMER, U.S.P.
Alcatraz Penitentiary
Number 299-AZ

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copies of a memorandum
transmitted this day to the office of the Attorney
General, regarding the above mentioned individual, which
is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Department of Justice
United States Board of Parole
Washington

May 22, 1941.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In Re: Elmer Farmer, #299-AZ

We wish to thank you very much for furnishing the Board a copy of your memorandum to the Attorney General in connection with the above-captioned case.

Very truly yours,

Arthur D. Wood,
Chairman.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Antonio, Texas
June 25, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, victim,
KIDNAPING

WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases, et al;
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, victim,
KIDNAPING

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., was, et al;
MRS. ALICE SPEED STOLL, victim,
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 2, 1936, regarding the destruction of wanted circulars in the above entitled cases. A review of the San Antonio Field Division files in these cases reflects that there is still a large number of photographs of the different individuals implicated in this case together with several lists of the serial numbers taken from the ransom money used in these cases remaining in the bulky exhibit drawer. Also in the KARPIS case we still have a number of the maps and "Standard Short Range Targets" taken from the Karpis car at the time of its inspection, together with an empty clip from one of the guns used by the KARPIS mob and a broken padlock.

Due to the fact that the investigation concerning most of the individuals involved has been completed these photographs, lists of ransom note numbers, maps, targets, etc. are no longer of any value to the San Antonio Field Division. It is felt, that, inasmuch as the Bureau has made displays of the materials taken from these notorious criminals, the maps, targets, gun clip and broken padlock might be desired by the Bureau for addition to these displays. However, unless advised to the contrary these materials will be destroyed on July 30, 1941. Care will be taken to see that the photographs of any individuals concerning whom investigation is still being conducted are not destroyed.

Very truly yours,

GUS T. JONES,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 4, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Your attention is directed to your memorandum of May 14, 1941 directed to the Attorney General and referring to your previous memorandum of May 23, 1939, in which you state that you are in "receipt of information to the effect that a United States Congressman from Illinois had allegedly received \$1,000.00 for the use of his influence in having Elmer Farmer, who was convicted in the Bremer kidnaping case, transferred from the Alcatraz Penitentiary to some other penal institution".

You also state that information has now been received "that the sum of \$3,000.00 is the price being asked by the Congressman for his efforts to secure a parole for Farmer".

The Attorney General has directed that this matter be looked into with a view of prosecution of the Congressman if the facts are sufficient. In order, therefore, that appropriate action may be taken on the instructions of the Attorney General, it will be appreciated if you submit to the Criminal Division full reports on this matter with the name of the Congressman involved, so that appropriate consideration may be given to the case.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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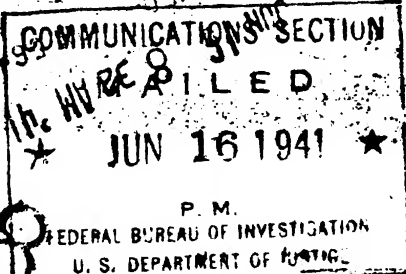
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BERGE

With reference to your memorandum of June 4, 1941, concerning information which had been received indicating that a United States Congressman from Illinois had allegedly received \$1000 for the use of his influence in having Elmer Farmer, who was convicted in the Bremer kidnaping case, transferred from the Alcatraz Penitentiary to some other penal institution, for your confidential information, the Congressman's name is Chauncey Reed, Du Page County, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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To: Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Quinn
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July 5, 1941

AR:DMP
Time 12:00 Noon

MR. F. A. TANN

Re: BREKID

SAC McFARLIN called from Grand Rapids stating the Grand Rapids Office has developed informants in the vicinity of Cassius M. McDonald's home. McDonald has indicated to them that he is leaving for Washington either Monday or Tuesday of next week, July 7th or 8th. Mr. McFarlin stated their informants have been unable to ascertain the means of travel McDonald will use to come to Washington and he desired to know whether the Bureau considered the case of sufficient importance to keep McDonald under surveillance. Mr. McFarlin stated there is only road McDonald could use to leave his home and that there is a tavern on the side of the road where the Agents could watch for McDonald to leave. McDonald has several guests presently at his home and may travel to Washington with one of them.

I told Mr. McFarlin it would be very embarrassing to us to have to institute an investigation to ascertain the whereabouts of McDonald in the event the court ruled against him, and instructed that a surveillance be placed on McDonald when he leaves for Washington. Mr. McFarlin mentioned that three informants have talked with McDonald today but although he mentioned to them that he was going to Washington, he did not disclose the method of travel he would utilize.

Respectfully,

A. ROSEN

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July 10, 1941

H. A. ROSEN

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Edward J. Brantley
SAC Brantley called from Kansas City with reference to the Cassius McDonald matter stating that following his conversation with you he talked with Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Homer Davis at Topeka, Kansas who is handling the case in the Circuit Court. Mr. Davis stated that there are no new developments except that today he received from McDonald's counsel in Kansas City, Missouri a petition for a re-hearing of the case in the Circuit Court of Appeals at Denver. Mr. Davis forwarded the petition up to the Circuit Court in Denver without filing any pleadings in behalf of the government. Mr. Davis advised Mr. Brantley that it is customary in such cases that the Court will consider the petition within a week or ten days and stated that he, Mr. Davis, is almost certain that the Court will deny the petition and that thereafter the Circuit Court in all probability will issue some process for the return of McDonald to Federal custody. Mr. Davis advised Mr. Brantley that pending a decision on the petition he will take no action.

I told Mr. Brantley I would give you this information.

Respectfully,

E. J. VanLandingham

Mr. Tolson _____
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 10, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: BREKID

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I called SAC Brantley in Kansas City regarding the Cassius McDonald matter. In answer to my query Mr. Brantley stated he had read the opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals. I called his attention to the last paragraph of the opinion in which they say the judgment is reversed and cause remanded with instructions to the trial court to direct the return of the petitioner to the custody of the warden. I told Mr. Brantley Judge Holtzoff in the Department has indicated that if it hasn't already been done, we may be able to expedite the sending down of the mandate from the Circuit Court to the District Court, which will enable the District Court to issue an order for the return of McDonald to the custody of the warden.

Mr. Brantley stated he would call Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Homer Davis at Topeka, Kansas, who is handling the case in the Circuit Court of Appeals to ascertain the present status of the matter and will call me back.

I informed Mr. Brantley about McDonald's contemplated trip to Washington and pointed out that it will save us considerable trouble if McDonald can be returned to Federal custody before he is able to make the trip.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen
A. ROSEN

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Time 11:00 A.M.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 7, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: BREKID

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
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Miss Gandy _____

I called the Grand Rapids Office and talked with Special Agent L. E. Murphy with reference to my conversation with SAC McFarlin on July 5th relative the contemplated trip to Washington of Cassius M. McDonald and the plan to keep him under surveillance when he makes the trip. Agent Murphy stated two Agents are presently watching the roads which McDonald will have to use when he leaves. He stated the Agents called in last night and McDonald had not left at that time. I told Agent Murphy we want to be very sure that the surveillance is established and maintained until McDonald reaches Washington and that he should so advise SAC McFarlin in order that the necessary steps may be taken. I told Agent Murphy to have SAC McFarlin call me upon his return to the office.

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SAC McFarlin called at which time I again called to his attention the importance of keeping McDonald under surveillance. I instructed that he make the necessary arrangements with the offices along the route that McDonald takes to take over the surveillance when he reaches that territory. I told Mr. McFarlin that the Washington Field Office would take over the surveillance when McDonald reaches Washington. Mr. McFarlin advised that McDonald took two of his guests to the train this morning but returned to his home himself. Mr. McFarlin stated another informant is going to see McDonald today. Mr. McFarlin is putting another Agent and another automobile on this and will advise us of developments.

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Respectfully,

A. ROSEN

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

At 4:00 P.M. on July 21, 1941, in accordance with your instructions, I telephonically contacted Mr. M. L. Harney, Assistant Commissioner of Narcotics, Branch 2226, Treasury Department, relative to his request for additional information [REDACTED]

Mr. Harney was advised that a review of the Bureau files reflects that all of the information therein [REDACTED] had been furnished his office and that, in accordance with your instructions, a memorandum was being placed in the file to insure that he, Mr. Harney, will receive any additional information [REDACTED] which comes to the attention of the Bureau.

Mr. Harney stated he appreciated the consideration shown him by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Clements
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

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Miss Basham _____
Miss Gandy _____

Mr. M. L. Harney, Assistant Commissioner of Narcotics,
Branch 2226 in the Treasury Department, called advising

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we would also check our records to ascertain whether there was any
connection between [redacted] and that if there was any in-
formation which had not already been furnished to them, we would be
glad to furnish it to them at this time.

Respectfully,

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June 26, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum, dated June 14, 1941, concerning information which has been received by your Bureau indicating that a United States Congressman from Illinois had allegedly received \$1,000 for the use of his influence in having Elmer Farmer transferred from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California, to some other penal institution. The name of the Congressman is given in your memorandum.

It will be appreciated if full reports are submitted regarding the promises of this Congressman made in behalf of Elmer Farmer.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This has reference to your letter of
April 25, 1941.

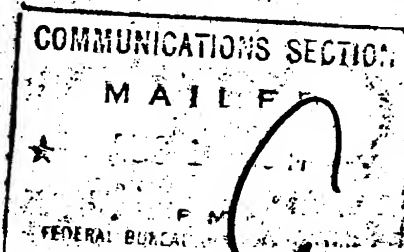
The content of reference letter was
furnished to the Department and a request has now
been received that the full facts regarding this
matter be submitted for consideration. It is,
therefore, desired that you discreetly obtain as
much detail as possible in regard to this situation.

An effort should be made to ascertain
whether any monies have actually been paid to secure
parole or other consideration for Elmer Farmer,
and under what circumstances.

Please give this your immediate atten-
tion.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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July 18, 1941.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

re: United States v. Matthew
Gleason - D.C. 28791

0 BREKID

There is enclosed for attention a copy of a letter dated
July 9, 1941, from the United States Attorney at Chicago,
Illinois, requesting authority to enter an order of nolle
prosequi to the indictment in the above case.

An expression of your views relative to this matter would
be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

Refer his judgment

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July 9, 1941

The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: United States v. Matthew Gleason
D. C. No. 28791
File EM: 109-39-1

Sir:

On March 6, 1935, Matthew Gleason was indicted for violation of Section 246, Title 18. The facts briefly are as follows:

On March 6, 1935, the grand jury in Chicago returned the above indictment charging Matthew Gleason with harboring and concealing, on February 6 and 7, 1935, at Aurora, Illinois, an individual named Volney Davis, in order to prevent his apprehension by the police officers.

Volney Davis was indicted in the United States District Court in Minnesota on a charge of kidnapping and holding for ransom one Edward Bremer, and a warrant was issued for his apprehension and arrest.

The indictment above contained two counts, the first charging harboring, and the second charging the concealment of Davis, and alleges that Gleason had knowledge of the above indictment and warrant for the arrest of Davis. The indictment referred to in Minnesota was returned on January 22, 1935, and charged Davis, together with Alvin Karpis and others, with kidnapping George Bremer, in violation of Section 408a, Title 18.

On February 6, 1935, Davis was arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, and while being transported from Kansas City to Chicago escaped from the agents on February 6, 1935, at about 7:30 p.m. This was in the vicinity of Yorkville, Illinois, and after his escape, Davis went to the home of Mat Gleason in Aurora, Illinois. From an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is evident that several people were in Mat Gleason's house at the time, namely, Mrs. Rockers Mr. and Mrs. John Sampson. Davis arrived at the house at

July 9, 1941

approximately 8:00 p.m. Davis had known Gleason several years before but Gleason knew him only as "Whitey." Gleason at that time operated a handbook establishment in Aurora. Davis remained in the house until about 8:00 p.m. on the evening of February 7, 1935.

One G. A. Barnhart in Aurora was approached by Gleason on February 7 about noon and Gleason attempted to sell him a diamond ring for \$60. Gleason at that time, according to the statements made by Barnhart, said that the ring belonged to a federal prisoner who had escaped from federal agents at Yorkville the preceding day. Barnhart notified the agents and a short time thereafter Gleason was arrested. Gleason in his statement stated that he had known Volney Davis for about a year, under the name of Whitey, and that he was not advised of Davis's escape from federal officers until he read of the incident in a newspaper about one o'clock on the afternoon of February 7. He admitted, of course, that Davis remained in his house from 8:00 o'clock on February 6 to the evening of February 7.

A letter was addressed to the Department by former United States Attorney Michael L. Igoe on April 30, 1936, requesting authority to dismiss this indictment. At the time the Department refused to authorize the dismissal of this indictment. The case, however, was not prosecuted during Mr. Igoe's administration, nor was it prosecuted during the administration of my predecessor, Mr. William J. Campbell. In reviewing the facts as submitted, I am of the opinion that there is not sufficient evidence to warrant a successful prosecution, and I therefore request authority to dismiss the indictment.

Respectfully,

J. ALBERT WOLL
United States Attorney

CAG:DEM
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July 30, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BERGE

Re: United States v. Matthew Gleason
HARBORING

Re: BREKID

This has reference to your memorandum of July 18, 1941 requesting an expression of my views relative to the request received from the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois for authority to enter an order of nolle prosequi to the indictment against Matthew Gleason for harboring.

You are advised that I will defer to your judgment in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 8/15/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/23/41	REPORT MADE BY F. P. LYNCH
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX, Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiry of real estate manager, elevator starter and postal carriers at the Associated Hospital Group as to the identity of S. KAYE, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York City, negative.

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DETAILS:

This report is predicated upon a telephone call made to Special Agent E. F. Emerich of the New York office by Special Agent K. M. Piper of the Washington Field Office in which he advised that CASSIUS McDONALD was presently being surveilled by Agents of the Washington Field Office and that he has been in contact with S. KAYE at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. where both were residing on that date which was July 22, 1941.

Inasmuch as S. KAYE upon registering at the Willard Hotel gave as his permanent address, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York City and is known previously to have registered at the Hotel in January of 1941 as well as in July and had given that same address, Special Agent Piper requested that an appropriate check be made to determine the identity of S. KAYE.

The writer contacted Mr. FRANK W. BEGRISH, room 1108, who is manager of the Corporate Properties Inc., owner of the building, 370 Lexington Avenue.

It might be mentioned that the New York Field Division was previously located in this building and that Mr. BEGRISH is known to be entirely reliable.

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Mr. BEGRISH advised that to his knowledge the only one by the name of KAYE in the building was a MARIE KAYE who is employed by the Ohio Match Company, room 511, but that this Miss KAYE has been employed by them as a bookkeeper for quite a long period of time.

He advised that there was no male in the building by the name of KAYE unless he might be a sublessee in the building and he had not been advised of the sublessee in any office.

Mr. BEGRISH stated that there was an individual who had an office in the building sometime back by the name of HYAMS who had been investigated by the New York City Police Department but that this individual was put out of the building in April 1941.

Mr. BEGRISH checked his files as to the name of KAYE with negative results. He contacted JOHN GLOSE, elevator starter who has been so employed for the past 11 years and he, GLOSE, advised that the only person by the name of KAYE in the building was the MARIE KAYE above mentioned. Mr. BEGRISH telephonically contacted Miss FINKWATER of the Associated Hospital Service Group whose main office is located in the building at 370 Lexington Avenue in the attempt to see if S. KAYE had taken out insurance with this group and Miss FINKWATER advised that her file did not contain the name of KAYE for any male individual in the building.

At the Grand Central Post Office, Postal Carriers BENJAMIN WOLK and FRED JOHANNES were contacted and they advised that the only individual known to them by the name of KAYE at 370 Lexington Avenue were Miss KAY of the Croft Steel Company and Miss KAYE of the Ohio Match Company.

The above information was telephonically transmitted to Special Agent K. M. Paiper of the Washington Field Office by Special Agent C. A. Hardison on July 23, 1941.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI		FILE NO. 7-63	
REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
WASHINGTON, D. C.	8-16-41	7-13 through 7-30, 1941 8-4-1941	G. R. BLAIR GRB:LS
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
CASSIUS McDONALD		MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	
<p><u>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</u> McDONALD and wife arrived in Washington, D. C., July 14, 1941, and departed for Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 29, 1941. Results of surveillance, including contacts, set out.</p> <p align="center">- P -</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Report of Special Agent WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, dated July 14, 1941, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>On July 7, 1941, Mr. E. A. TALL, of the Bureau, advised Special Agent in Charge S. K. MCKEE that information had been received from the Detroit Field Office that CASSIUS</p>			
Approved and Forwarded: <i>L. K. McKee</i> Special Agent in Charge		Do Not Write in These Spaces	
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McDONALD and possibly his wife, were planning to come to Washington, D. C., in the near future. Mr. TATE advised that a twenty-four hour surveillance of these persons was desired in the event they came to Washington as during the interim of McDONALD's confinement to prison, Mrs. McDONALD had come here on several occasions and surveilled the Director's home. He continued that McDONALD had only recently been released from prison and as the sound mental state of both these persons was questionable, pointed out that it was desirable to maintain a surveillance of them constantly, in order to insure that they did not make any attempt on the Director's life.

On July 13, 1941, a teletype was received from the Chicago Field Division, which advised that Subject CASSIUS McDONALD, in the Brekid Case, had lost his appeal in the Circuit Court on his recent conviction, and had applied for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. It stated that if this were denied, Subject would be taken into custody and that the Bureau had instructed that a twenty-four hour surveillance be maintained. It continued that the Subject was aware of the surveillance; that he was traveling with his wife, EDITH, in their 1934 black Packard sedan, and that surveillance carried on from Michigan to Chicago, had been interrupted. This teletype requested that the Washington Field Office cruise the various highways leading into Washington, in an effort to pick up the Subject's trail.

Acting upon the information contained in this teletype, Special Agents KEAY and GOODWIN assumed a spot on U. S. Highway No. 240, North of the East and West Highway out of Chevy Chase, Maryland. Special Agents HECKERMAN and RUTHERFORD assumed a spot on Highway No. 182, at Silver Spring, Maryland. Special Agents GROVES and SWENSON maintained a position on Highway No. 1, at College Park, Maryland, and Special Agents HILL and ORTON maintained a position on Highway No. 7, at Arlington, Virginia. Stop Notices were placed at the Willard Hotel, inasmuch as it was known that the Subject's wife had stayed here upon previous visits to Washington, D. C., and Special Agents BLAIR and McCONNEL maintained a surveillance in the vicinity of the Director's residence.

The above surveillances were maintained until approximately 12:30 A. M. on the morning of July 14, 1941, with no indications being received that the Subject and his wife used any of the highways in question or made efforts to approach the Director's neighborhood.

At 11:00 A. M., on July 14, 1941, Inspector AL ROSEN, of the Bureau, requested that the above surveillance on highways be assumed and Special Agents BLAIR and McCONNEL contacted the following Hotels, to ascertain whether Subject and his wife had registered:

Harrington
Ambassador
Hamilton
Lafayette
Raleigh
Washington
Hay Adams
Willard

In checking at the Willard Hotel, Agents BLAIR and McCONNEL ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McDONALD of Michigan, had registered at the Willard Hotel between midnight and 7:00 A. M. on the morning of July 14, 1941, and that they were ultimately assigned to Room 544 at that Hotel. A surveillance was immediately instituted and at the same time, a check was made at the Capitol Garage, where the Willard Hotel automobiles are stored, and at the Washington Garage, to ascertain if the Subject's car was stored in either of those places. The results of this check were negative. Assistant Manager JACK LYNCH, of the Willard Hotel, when the Stop Notice was pointed out to him, explained that the reason the night force of the Willard Hotel had not immediately notified the Washington Field Office of the registration of McDONALD and his wife was because that force had not been told by the day force of the requested Stop Notice, and that it had not been definitely ascertained that the C. M. McDONALD was identical with Subject McDONALD in this case. The information stated above was telephonically communicated to Mr. LEE PENNINGTON, of the Bureau, at 2:00 P. M., on July 14, and all Field Offices attempting to locate the whereabouts of McDONALD were advised by teletype that the Subject had been located in Washington, D. C.

While a twenty-four hour surveillance was being conducted at the Willard Hotel, the results of which will be set out in this report, a surveillance was also being maintained in the vicinity of the Director's home from 7:00 P. M. on July 13, 1941, through July 19, 1941, at which time the physical surveillance in the Director's neighborhood was discontinued, acting upon instructions from Mr. E. A. TAMM, of the Bureau. It should be noted that this surveillance was very discreetly maintained during the entire period referred to above.

The physical surveillance of McDONALD and his wife was commenced at approximately 1:00 P. M. on July 14, 1941. No activities on their part were noted until 6:40 P. M., at which time the Subject and his wife approached the desk of the lobby and left the following message:

"We will be at Wisconsin 5309 and are expecting an important phone call before 7:30 P. M."

Following the leaving of this message, the couple proceeded East on Pennsylvania Avenue to E Street, where they entered O'Donnell's Cafe, 1207 E Street, N. W., where they were observed to sit at a table and order a meal.

At 7:35 P. M., Subject and his wife left O'Donnell's on foot and proceeded West on E Street, where, on 13th Street, they entered Diamond Cab No. 151, and proceeded in this cab to a District Grocery Store, located on the corner of Western Avenue and Westway Place. Here McDONALD and the cab driver made inquiry, apparently regarding some address, and then proceeded to 4904 Bayard Boulevard, where McDONALD and his wife entered. It has been ascertained that this is the address of Congressman GEORGE D. O'BRIEN, whose telephone number is Wisconsin 5309. Subjects had entered this residence at 8:00 P. M., and remained there until 10:25 P. M., at which time they proceeded by cab to the Hotel Willard, arriving there at 10:55 P. M., where they immediately proceeded to their room.

It was ascertained that while the Subjects were at the O'BRIEN residence, they placed a long-distance phone call, which was charged to the Willard Hotel, for J. RHODES, Lee Summit, Missouri, No. 11M3.

Subjects remained in their room for sometime and a typewriter could be heard working very energetically. This continued until 1:45 A. M. At 2:40 A. M., on July 15, 1941, Subject and his wife left their room and went down the elevator, inquired of the bellboy where they could purchase postage stamps, and left the lobby, carrying a letter. They re-entered the Hotel at approximately 3:20 A. M., and proceeded to their room, where they remained for the night.

On this date, in addition to the long-distance call mentioned above, Subjects had placed a telephone call to National 3120, which is the United States Capitol, and to Wisconsin 5309, listed to O'BRIEN. At 9:15 A. M., on July 15, 1941, it was ascertained that Mrs. McDONALD held a conversation with a woman with a name resembling "O'BRIEN", in which the woman said, "My husband didn't come home last night. To save your husband the bother I thought I would call you. He will probably be home today". Mrs. McDONALD replied, "All right, we'll call you first. We got our letter off last night".

While the McDONALDS were spending the night of July 14, 1941, at the Hotel, it was ascertained from the bellboy who checked them in that they had come in a taxi cab, and that their luggage bore baggage tags which seemed to indicate that they had arrived by train, and an appropriate stop was placed with the Willard on mail, wires and telephone calls.

At 9:00 A. M., on July 15, 1941, this surveillance was continued by Special Agents KEAY and GROVES. It should be noted that Room 502, across from the McDONALDS' room, was secured for the night of July 14, 1941. This was later changed to Room 545, so that a very close surveillance could be maintained on the activities of McDONALD and his wife.

At 10:05 A. M., July 15, 1941, a party with a name resembling "LAYTON" advised Mrs. McDONALD as follows: 'The Congressman is not back. He did not get back last night. I called his home and will call you when he gets in'. The woman "LAYTON" told McDONALD that there was no need for them to come to the office until 10:30. The McDONALDS replied that they had to get dressed and get breakfast and did not know what plans they had for the day, but that probably they would be down later and see her. They said there was nothing to do but stand by until the Congressman returned.

The McDONALDS remained in their room until about 4:00 P. M., when McDONALD went out, had something to eat, took a short walk, and returned to the room. At about 7:30 P. M., he talked to a woman in the home of Congressman O'BRIEN, asking if her husband was back yet, to which the reply was negative. McDONALD made personal inquiries concerning the children and said that he had done nothing today, but go out for a walk, adding that lack of a car prevented him from coming to see her. McDONALD further stated that he would see the Congressman at 10:30 the next morning, if he arrived and would have his Secretary call him tomorrow. He further stated that his wife had worked late getting off the letter previously referred to in this report.

At 8:30 P. M., McDONALD and his wife left the room and proceeded to a restaurant on F Street, where they ate after which they took a walk and ended up at Federal Square, across from the Willard, where they looked over the various defense exhibits, returning to their room about 10:00 P. M.

Special Agents McCONNEL and BLAIR continued the surveillance at 10:40 P. M., on July 15, Agent GOODWIN relieving BLAIR at 11:30 P. M. on that date. It was observed that at 9:15 A. M. on July 16, 1941, the Subjects left the Hotel through the North entrance, entering onto F and 14th Street, proceeding North on 14th Street to New York Avenue, then reversing their direction and returning South on 14th Street.

At 9:20 A. M., Mrs. McDONALD left her husband and entered Julius Garfinckel's Department Store.

Agent GOODWIN maintained the surveillance of Mrs. McDONALD, noting that she entered Liggett's Drug Store, 14th and F, N. W., and then proceeded back to the Willard Hotel, where she entered her room.

McDONALD meanwhile proceeded South on 14th Street, thence West on Pennsylvania Avenue, into Childs Restaurant, where he ordered a meal.

The surveillance from 9:30 A. M. on July 16, was continued by Agents KEAY and GROVES. During this period, Subject and his wife had breakfast and proceeded, presumably to the Old House Office Building, after which they went to the Capitol Building. It was difficult to maintain a close watch of them, because of the change in surveilling Agents.

During July 16, 1941, Special Agents CORRIGAN and O'CONNOR continued the surveillance, assisted by Special Agent HILL. It was observed that at 4:15 P. M., Subject and his wife left the Capitol Building, and proceeded by taxicab to the Willard Hotel, at which time they went to their room. At 8:44 P. M., they proceeded from the Hotel to the Lotus Restaurant, 727 - 14th Street, N. W., which they left at 11:05 P. M., returning to the Hotel and retiring at 11:20 P. M.

On July 17, 1941, this surveillance was conducted by Special Agents SAUX, HILL and McCONNEL. Subjects left the Hotel at 11:20 A. M., and entered Childs Cafeteria next to the Willard Hotel. They returned to the Willard Hotel at 12:05 P. M., and CASSIUS McDONALD waited in the lobby while Mrs. McDONALD went to her room. She re-joined her husband at 12:10 P. M., and they proceeded by cab to the Old House Office Building. After remaining in this building for some time, they returned to the Hotel, at approximately 3:30 P. M. After leaving the room briefly in the late afternoon, they left again at 7:40 P. M., proceeding on foot to the S. & W. Cafeteria, on G Street and 15th Street. Following their meal,

they entered the Capitol Theatre, and left at 11:45 P. M., proceeding on foot to the Benjamin Franklin Post Office, at 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, where they were observed writing at one of the desks in the lobby. At 12:07 A. M., they re-entered their room, and retired for the night.

It was ascertained that Mrs. McDONALD had cashed a check in the Hotel, in the amount of \$100, on July 17, 1941, drawn on the Commercial Bank of Stanbough, Michigan, which was apparently printed for the Beatons Lake Forest Products, which name was printed on the check. Subjects had received no mail or telegrams to this date.

Surveillance on July 18, 1941, was conducted by Special Agents HILL, HECKERMAN and O'CONNOR. At 9:29 A. M., the Subjects proceeded to Childs Restaurant next to the Willard Hotel, where they ate breakfast, and then proceeded by cab to the Old House Office Building, arriving at 10:03 A. M. At 1:50 P. M., the Subjects left this Building and proceeded by cab to the Hotel, where they entered their room. At 5:40 P. M., they re-entered the Childs Restaurant, leaving this at 6:55 P. M., and proceeding by cab to the Earle Theatre. They left the Earle Theatre at 9:45 P. M., and proceeded on foot to the Defense Exhibit across the street from the Willard Hotel. At 10:20 P. M., they proceeded to their room and retired at 11:20 P. M.

It was ascertained that at 2:35 P. M., on this date, Mrs. McDONALD contacted the Senate Office Building, where she conversed with Miss DOYLE, apparently the Secretary of Senator VANDENBERG. The substance of this conversation was to the effect that Mrs. McDONALD was to have contacted the office for an appointment with VANDENBERG, and it was impossible to make arrangements for Mr. and Mrs. McDONALD to visit or contact the Senator on Saturday, July 19, or at any time during the week-end, as the Senator was going out of town. Miss DOYLE asked Mrs. McDONALD how long they would be in town, and was given an indefinite answer, Mrs. McDONALD stating that she would again try to contact the Senator sometime on July 21. Miss DOYLE said she would try to make arrangements for the contact on Monday.

It was further ascertained that Mrs. McDONALD had contacted Miss NATHAN, the Secretary to Representative O'BRIEN (and presumably the "LAYTON" referred to earlier in this report). Miss NATHAN told Mrs. McDONALD that she had been ill and therefore was not down at the office to see her when she arrived. Mrs. McDONALD stated that she had seen the Congressman for only a few moments and that nothing new had developed. She advised Miss NATHAN that she and her husband were going to stay over and Miss NATHAN replied that she would see them Monday.

The Subjects were heard planning to attend a local movie, and it was learned that neither had received any letters or telegrams during the day.

Surveillance on July 19, 1941, was conducted by Special Agents CLEMENTS, HECKERMAN and BLAIR. At 10:20 P.M., on this date, McDONALD and his wife proceeded to the Childs Restaurant next door to the Willard Hotel, had breakfast and then re-entered the Hotel. They remained here but a few minutes, and then proceeded on foot to the Park at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 15th, N. W. Here, they read a newspaper and engaged in discussion, finally proceeding on foot to the Washington Monument. They took the customary tourist trip through this Monument, and then proceeded on foot down the mall to the Lincoln Memorial. After spending some time at the Lincoln Memorial, they proceeded on foot to the Willard Hotel, which they entered about 1:10 P. M., after having eaten lunch in a Drug Store. At 2:40 P. M., Mrs. McDONALD left the Hotel alone and made a shopping tour on foot of various stores in down-town Washington. She returned to the Hotel about 5:00 P. M. No further activity on the part of McDONALD or his wife was observed at this period.

Surveillance on July 20, 1941, was conducted by Agents HILL, HELD and McCONNEL. At 11:00 A. M., Subject and his wife proceeded from the Hotel to the Childs Restaurant next door, and had breakfast. Following breakfast, they returned to the Hotel and checked the Church Directory, after which they proceeded on foot to St. Patrick's Church, at the corner of 10th and G Streets, arriving about

noon. The McDONALDS left the Church at 1:00 P. M., and returned to the Hotel, where they stayed until 3:50 P. M. At 3:50 P. M., they entered the Childs Restaurant, previously referred to, but came out immediately and proceeded to the Park at 15th and Constitution Avenue, where they occupied a bench. The Subjects then entered an Alexandria-bound bus, proceeding to Alexandria, after which they re-entered a bus which returned to Washington via the Airport and Memorial Bridge, to 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue. At 5:00 P. M., they entered O'Donnell's Restaurant at 12th and E Streets; leaving the Restaurant at 6:00 P. M., the Subjects proceeded on foot up 13th to G Street, to 14th Street, to Thomas Circle, where they arrived at 6:25 P.M., after having window-shopped enroute. From Thomas Circle, they proceeded on foot to 16th Street and thence to Lafayette Park, where they occupied a bench for twenty minutes. They then proceeded on foot to a Drug Store at the corner of Pennsylvania and 15th Street, remained in this about fifteen minutes, and thence returned to the Willard Hotel at 7:50 P. M. At about 8:15 P. M., they left the Hotel, proceeding on foot to a park bench at the corner of 15th Street and E Street. A sudden rain came up and the McDONALDS walked on foot to the Drug Store at 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, and then proceeded back to the Hotel, entering their room. At approximately 8:30 P. M., Subjects entered the lobby and conversed until 10:05 P. M., after which they walked around the block window-shopping, and returned to the Hotel about 10:30 P. M.

During this twenty-four hour period, the Subjects received no external communications or messages and had made no arrangements with the management indicating that they might depart.

Surveillance on July 21, 1941, was maintained by Special Agents CORRIGAN, HALL and O'CONNOR. At 11:05 A. M., the Subject and his wife went to the Cashier's desk at the Willard Hotel, where they paid a \$40.64 balance on their Hotel bill and informed the Cashier that they were intending to remain at the Hotel indefinitely. They thence entered the Childs Restaurant next door to the Willard, which they left at 11:30 A. M., walking East to the Department of Justice

Building. It was ascertained from one of the elevator operators that they had asked for Room 25___. Agent O'CONNOR conferred with Special Agent VAN LINDINGHAM in Mr. ROSEN's office, and he was informed that the Subject and his wife most likely went to the office of Mr. LYONS, Departmental Attorney, in Room 2515. At 12:50 P. M., the McDONALDS proceeded on foot from the Justice Building to the New House Office Building, where it was ascertained from the Guard on duty that they entered Room 1227, the room of LOUIS C. RABAUT, Congressman from Michigan. At 1:50 P.M., they left this office and proceeded to Room 1416, in the Old House Office Building, which is assigned to Congressman GEORGE D. O'BRIEN. At 1:45 P. M., they proceeded by cab to the Willard and returned to their room. At 6:20 P. M., McDONALD entered the lobby and read a paper until 6:50 P. M., when Mrs. McDONALD entered and sat with him until 7:15 P. M., at which time they walked to the S. & W. Cafeteria, 15th and G Streets, remaining until 7:45 P. M. They then proceeded on foot to Hedick's Orange Juice Stand at 15th and New York Avenue, where they remained until 9:45 P. M., conversing with a gentleman bearing the following description:

Age	26
Weight	175
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Dark sleek brown
Peculiarities	Sharp nose

They walked with this man to the Washington Hotel, where he left them and they returned to their room at 9:50 P. M.

It was ascertained that the Subjects had received no mail or telegrams during this twenty-four hour period. However, an individual by the name of FARRELL left a call for the Subjects at 7:00 P. M. on July 21, but did not leave any phone number or address.

Surveillance on July 22, 1941 was conducted by Special Agents McCONNEL, HECKERMAN and CLEMENTS.

The Subjects had left a call for 8:00 A. M. on July 22. At 8:25 A. M., they proceeded to Childs Restaurant and had breakfast, after which they took a cab to the New House Office Building, and entered the office of LOUIS C. RABAUT, Room 1227. The McDONALDS remained in RABAUT's office until 10:20 A. M., when they proceeded to the office of O'BRIEN in the New House Office Building. After remaining fifty minutes, they entered the Capitol Building, where they had lunch in the House of Representatives Dining Room, with an unidentified woman, dressed in a dark blue dress. A more adequate description of this party could not be obtained without endangering the discreetness of this surveillance. At 2:30 P. M., the McDONALDS left the Dining Room and walked through the Capitol, finally proceeding on foot to the Botanical Gardens on the Mall. They remained here a short time and then proceeded on foot to the Willard Hotel, where they arrived at approximately 4:15 P. M. At this time, it was ascertained that a call was made to the Subject's room from Room 427, of the Willard Hotel, occupied by a Mr. S. KAYE, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York City, at 3:30 P. M. It was learned that KAYE is an Attorney from New York, who is in Washington as a Legal Counsel for a radio and newspaper committee. The information concerning KAYE was telephonically furnished to Mr. ROSEN of the Bureau, and at his request, telephonic contact was had with Special Agent ELMER EHRICH, of the New York Office, requesting that KAYE's identity be ascertained. On July 23, 1941, the New York Office telephonically advised that 370 Lexington Avenue was a large office building, with approximately one-hundred tenants, and that inquiry had been made through the Building Superintendent, the Insurance Company and building employees, with negative results. It was further stated that inquiry had been made through the Post Office, and that the New York Telephone Directory listed more than twenty individuals named S. KAYE.

While the Subjects were in their room from 4:15 P. M. until 7:30 P. M., on July 22, 1941, their conversation was of a personal nature, not pertinent to this investigation. At 7:30 P. M., they proceeded on foot to the S. & W. Cafeteria, had dinner, walked to the Defense Display across from the Willard Hotel, and finally returned to their room.

at 9:10 P. M. Mrs. McDONALD was heard to use the typewriter and subsequently read the letter to Mr. McDONALD, the only audible sentence of which was "I have been here in Washington ten days and expect to be here another week at least". The addressee of this letter is not known. It was also observed at this time that Mr. McDONALD commented upon the appointment of Senator LUMPKIN to the position formerly occupied by Senator BYRNES of Georgia. At 9:40 P. M., the Subject's walked to the United States Post Office Building, mailed a letter, and returned to their room at 9:55 P. M., and conversation thereafter concerned O'Donnell's Farmhouse, located on the Marlboro Pike, and apparently an eating place. Mrs. McDONALD read the newspaper to Mr. McDONALD, including an editorial concerning the FBI in the District of Columbia. No other activities were observed as the McDONALD's had retired for the night.

Surveillance on July 23, 1941, was conducted by Agents HILL, HELD and MOLLOY. At 9:10 A. M., Subjects had breakfast at Childs Restaurant, after which they proceeded by cab to the Old House Office Building, entering the office of O'BRIEN, at 10:05 A. M. From here, Subject and his wife proceeded to the Capitol Building, which they entered at 11:45 A. M. After killing time in the Capitol, they proceeded to the Willard Hotel, which they entered at 3:55 P. M. At 7:40 P. M., the McDONALDS proceeded to the S. & W. Cafeteria, had dinner and emerged at 8:10 P. M. They strolled around in the vicinity of 14th and G, finally going to the Defense Exhibit across the street from the Willard Hotel, and after walking around the block, retired to their room at 9:25 P. M. It was ascertained that during this period, the Subjects were in receipt of no messages.

On July 24, 1941, surveillance was maintained by Agents HALL, O'CONNOR and CLEMENTS. At 10:30 A. M., the McDONALDS proceeded from the Hotel to Childs Restaurant, and had breakfast. They then proceeded on foot to the Old House Office Building, entering it at 11:45 A. M., and proceeding to Representative O'BRIEN's office. At 4:50 P. M., they returned to the Willard Hotel by cab. At the desk, they were given a letter from the Desk Clerk, which they reread several times before proceeding to their room. They appeared deeply concerned over

the contents of this letter and in arriving at their room, contacted Congressman O'BRIEN, advising him that they had just received a very important letter from Kansas City, and that the writer had suggested that McDONALD contact O'BRIEN. McDONALD stated that if O'BRIEN intended to be in his office, he would immediately proceed there by cab. At 5:05 P. M., the Subjects proceeded by cab to O'BRIEN's office, where they remained until 5:40 P. M., returning by cab to the Willard. On arriving in their room, it was ascertained that McDONALD conversed with Captain JOHN F. RHODES, whose office is located at 2500 Fidelity Building, Kansas City, Missouri. RHODES inquired of McDONALD, as to whether he had been able to get someone to sign his bond, to which McDONALD replied that he did not know. RHODES also made inquiry concerning a piece of property, inquiring as to who had made the appraisal of same. McDONALD advised that he would write a letter to RHODES, mailing it that night, which would give full information. It appeared that RHODES was a surety on McDONALD's bond and was insisting on a second real estate surety. During the course of this conversation, the name of Associate Justice BLACK was mentioned.

Immediately following this conversation, Mrs. McDONALD typed a letter to Captain RHODES, in which she described a piece of property as having an estimated value of \$55,000. This figure was arrived at from an appraisal made in 1937 and after taking into consideration the increased value of timber on the property, the fact that some timber had been removed and the fact that about one mile of the property fronted on a lake and had recently increased in value. At 7:15 P. M., the Subjects proceeded to the Post Office and mailed this letter, thence proceeded to the S. & W. Cafeteria. At 8:05 P. M., the Subjects entered Locw's Capitol Theatre, and returned to the Hotel at 11:10 P. M.

Surveillance on July 25, 1941, was conducted by Agents BLAIR, HECKERMAN and CORRIGAN. At 9:42 A. M., McDONALD entered the lobby, where he was joined at 10:00 A. M. by Mrs. McDONALD, and they both proceeded to the Childs Restaurant, for breakfast. They then proceeded by cab to the Post Office Building, where they mailed a letter, continuing in the same taxi to the Old House Office Building, where they entered the

office of Congressman O'BRIEN. At 1:10 P. M., the McDONALDS . walked through the Capitol grounds and then returned by cab to the Willard Hotel, arriving at 2:00 P. M. They remained in their room until 6:10 P. M., at which time they mailed another letter at the Post Office Building, and then proceeded on foot to the S. & W. Cafeteria, where they ate dinner. At 7:15 P. M., they proceeded to the Defense Exhibit, across from the Willard, remaining until 9:15 P. M., after which they proceeded to Neddick's and drank some orange juice. At 9:50 P.M., they entered their room and engaged in no further activity. During this period, the Subjects received no mail or phone calls.

Surveillance on July 26, 1941, was conducted by Agents MOLLOY, REAMY and HILL. McDONALD and his wife left the Hotel at 10:15 A. M., had breakfast at Childs Restaurant, and then proceeded to the Old House Office Building, where they remained until 12:25 P.M. They left there and proceeded to the National Museum, entering at 12:50 P. M., and returning to the Willard at 2:00 P. M., after which they went to their room. Mrs. McDONALD shopped from 4:15 P. M. to 4:50 P. M., while McDONALD remained in the room. At 6:15 P. M., the McDONALDS had dinner at the S. & W. Cafeteria, and returned to the Hotel at 7:45 P. M. At 8:05 P. M., they watched a street dance for service men, returning to the Hotel at 11:30 P. M. It was ascertained that Subject and his wife conversed with a man concerning the work that Mr. LOUIS RABAUT was doing for them in their case. RABAUT remarked that a Mr. LYONS had planned to study the case, as he considered it very interesting and that it was his opinion that the case would be brought up before the Judiciary Committee and that this Committee desired further investigation in view of the circumstances. This man further stated that they were interested primarily in seeing that justice was dealt on the matter.

Sources at the Hotel revealed that the McDONALDS were planning to leave Washington on the 27th or 28th of July, intending to return to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Subject and his wife were known to have made remarks, the substance of which was to the effect that they had seen many politicians in Washington and had put on a big act for them. It was

learned that JOHN F. RHODES of Kansas City had unsuccessfully attempted to contact the McDONALDS and that the Subject had extended his credit with the Hotel by another \$100. Subject also received a Special Delivery letter on July 27, 1941, the substance of which dealt with his bond.

Surveillance during July 27, 1941, was conducted by Agents HALL, STROM and CLEMENTS. At 11:00 A. M., McDONALD entered the lobby, where he was joined by his wife at 11:10 A. M., and they then proceeded to Childs Restaurant for breakfast. At 11:35 A. M., they attended Church services at St. Patrick's Church, returning to the Willard at 1:00 P. M. McDONALD remained in the lobby while his wife ascended to their room, rejoining him at 1:15 P. M. At about 1:45 P. M., Subjects returned to their room, and entered a conversation regarding whether or not they should proceed to Detroit or Chicago by train. McDONALD stated that if they went to Detroit, it would be necessary for them to double back to Chicago to pick up their car. He also made several statements regarding the possible purchase of a car. At 2:00 P. M., McDONALD descended to the lobby, where he sat until 3:15 P. M., returning to his room. After discussing various trains, the McDONALDS left their room at 4:00 P. M., proceeded to the S. & W. Cafeteria, and on finding that it was closed, returned to Childs Restaurant to eat. At 4:55 P. M., the McDONALDS walked to the Greyhound Bus Station at 12th and New York Avenue, and inquired concerning buses to Chicago, Detroit and Flint, particularly in regard to a bus leaving at 3:15 P. M., and proceeding by way of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Chicago. At 5:35 P. M., Subjects returned to the Hotel and loitered in the lobby until 6:30 P. M. At 7:50 P. M., they crossed the street to the National Defense Exhibit returning to their room at 9:00 P. M., and retiring at 11:00 P. M. They left a call for 8:00 A. M. on July 28, 1941.

Surveillance on July 28, 1941, was conducted by Agents CORRIGAN, HECKERMAN and O'CONNOR. At 9:40 A. M., the McDONALDS proceeded to Childs Restaurant and had breakfast. They then boarded a cab and went to the office of Congressman LOUIS C. RABAUT. At 11:10 A. M., they crossed the street to the Old House Office Building, and entered the office of

Representative O'BRIEN, returning by cab to the Willard Hotel at 12:15 P. M. After remaining in their room, they entered Whelan's Drug Store across from the Willard Hotel, at 2:10 P. M., returning to their room at 3:00 P. M., and staying until 6:15 P. M. At 6:55 P. M., the Subjects had dinner at the S. & W. Cafeteria, and thence proceeded to the Defense Exhibit, remaining until 10:15 P. M. After having a drink at a local Drug Store, they retired at 11:45 P. M., leaving a call for 8:00 P. M., on July 29, 1941. It was ascertained that the Subjects were contacted by Mrs. MAEEL WALKER WILLEBRANDT, with offices in the Shoreham Building, as a result of which they delayed their departure for another day.

Surveillance on July 29, 1941, was conducted by Special Agents McCONNEL, HILL, and HOLLOV. Mrs. McDONALD left the Hotel at 10:10 A. M., and had breakfast, joining Mr. McDONALD at the Hotel at 11:30 A. M., and remaining in the room with him until 12:40 P. M. At this time, they proceeded to the Credit Manager's desk, paid their bill, and checked out. They then had lunch at the S. & W. Cafeteria, after having requested the management to pick up their baggage at 2:00 P. M. At 2:25 P. M., they returned to the Hotel, picked up their baggage and proceeded to the Greyhound Bus Terminal, at 12th and New York Avenue, where McDONALD purchased two tickets for Grand Rapids, Michigan, via Greyhound Bus. They remained in the Bus Terminal until 3:00 P. M., at which time they boarded Express Bus No. 1137, known as the Potomac Express which is routed to Pittsburgh by way of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The bus left the City at 3:20 P. M., and surveillance on the trip to Pittsburgh was maintained by Agents HILL and McCONNEL. The bus arrived at Pittsburgh at 11:40 P. M., where surveillance was taken over by Agents MATTHEWS and DANIEL, of the Pittsburgh Office.

Conversations of McDONALD and his wife on the bus trip to Pittsburgh are not deemed relevant and are not being included in this report.

Mr. AL ROSEN, of the Bureau, was advised of the departure of the McDONALDS from the District, and he advised that telephonic communication should be had with the Pittsburgh Division, in order that this surveillance could be

maintained. Full facts of this matter, including physical descriptions of both Subjects, was transmitted telephonically to Special Agent D. DeLILLO of the Pittsburgh Field Division, who advised that he was familiar with the background of this case, inasmuch as these parties had passed through Pittsburgh on their way East.

On August 4, 1941, Special Agent GRILLE, of the Bureau, advised the Washington Field Office, that on July 25, 1941, an order was entered in the Circuit Court of Appeals, giving Subject fifteen days to file a \$10,000 bond and that if he filed this bond, the stay of the mandate would extend another fifteen days. Consequently, McDONALD has a total period of thirty days from July 25, 1941, within which time he can file for a Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court. Mr. GRILLE suggested that a discreet inquiry be made of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, so that this office could be advised promptly in the event Subject files for a Writ of Certiorari. He requested that this matter be handled most discreetly, so that there would be no possibility of any publicity being given to the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting any investigation relative to this matter. Mr. GRILLE further requested that any additional information concerning McDONALD's attempted contacts with Senator VANDENBERG should be forwarded to the Bureau, but no additional information has been disclosed during this surveillance.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. A. TAYLOR.

It was ascertained from the files of this case at the United States Supreme Court that no further action has been taken in the matter. Contact was had with E. P. CULLINAN, Assistant Clerk, who stated that it was not possible for him to assume the responsibility of following the case from day to day and notify the Washington Field Office, because of the large volume of work, which might cause him to overlook the filing of the petition. He suggested that frequent contact be had with Assistant Clerk CARL D. ZIMMERMAN or Deputy Clerk H. B. WILLEY,

in order to determine as soon as possible when this paper would be filed. Accordingly, arrangements have been made to frequently contact these people, to learn when the paper in question is filed, and this will be done until approximately September 1, 1941, when the thirty days has expired.

Following the departure of the McDONALDS from the Willard Hotel, it was ascertained that they received the following telegram at 10:58 P. M. on July 30, 1941, from Harenisco, Michigan:

"Job will be completed, weather permitting, Friday night. Will forward final scale at that time. Need money badly. Please wire me \$400 immediately.

(Signed) FLOYD F. ALDRIDGE"

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will, if it has not already done so, report the surveillance of CASSIUS McDONALD and his wife, according to telephonic instructions received from Washington, on July 29, 1941.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will maintain close contact with the United States Supreme Court, to immediately determine whether or not CASSIUS McDONALD files a Writ of Certiorari.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

CINCINNATI, OHIO
AUGUST 22, 1941

RCS:MRK
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The above entitled case has been carried as pending in the Cincinnati Office for a good many months, since the office of origin in the case was changed to the Cincinnati Office. The change was made for administrative purposes in view of the fact that Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY was at that time Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Office and was in direct charge of the entire investigation.

There are no leads pending in the Cincinnati District and indictments are outstanding in St. Paul, as outlined in the report of Special Agent BLAKE G. KENEALLY, St. Paul, Minn., dated April 14, 1941. Other investigation pending in connection with this case relates to CASSIUS ~~McDONALD~~, who was released from the Penitentiary on a writ of habeas corpus and is presently at liberty pending a final determination of a ruling on the writ granted to CASSIUS by the lower Court.

The only subject not apprehended in connection with this case is Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN and it is indicated in the file that MORAN no doubt was murdered by other subjects in this case at Toledo, Ohio, this information being furnished by EDNA MURRAY and VOLNEY DAVIS, who furnished reliable information concerning the investigation of this case.

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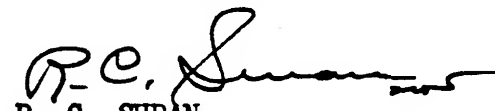
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
6 AUG 26 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Re: BREKID.

It is recommended to the Bureau that after the conclusion of the present investigative activity surrounding CASSIUS McDONALD, the office of origin in this case be changed to St. Paul, Minn., the office of prosecution and that the case be maintained in an inactive status.

Very truly yours,


R. C. SURAN,
Special Agent in Charge.